



DDE Newsletter No. 35

World at Lunch ...

Will Dutch library ban on 'Black Pete' books spell end for 'racist' festive tradition? The portrayal of Santa's Moor servant 'Zwarte Piet' is widely seen as offensive. Protesters applauded the decision to remove the character from children's books. [Read more ...](#)

A Chicago story with lessons for libraries everywhere. Chicago's decision to abolish overdue book fines led to the return of lost books and an increase in borrowers. [Read more ...](#)

Diversity of thought is vital in education. Dissent, diversity and critique are the lifeblood of any educational experience that nurtures intellectual growth, say 81 academics from the UCL Institute of Education. [Read more ...](#)

Parliamentary scrutiny of the government's approach to development aid has never been more vital. [Read more ...](#)

UK aid budget facing billions in cuts. Treasury seeking to slash target for aid spending from 0.7% of gross national income to 0.5%. [Read more ...](#)

New Zealand police introduce hijab as part of official uniform. New Zealand police began the work to include Hijab in the police uniform in 2018. [Read more ...](#)

'It's really hard to progress when working part-time'. Eventually, she spotted a new flexible role at the insurance firm Zurich. [Read more ...](#)

I gave evidence at the trial of the Mangrove Nine ... As a young journalist active in the anti-Apartheid movement, I found the Mangrove restaurant the perfect place to dine but the police were also regular visitors, for very different reasons. [Read more ...](#)

Britain's young Muslims feel stereotyped by society and controlled by their communities — this can't go on For the past eighteen months, I have been speaking to young British Muslims about their deepest fears and secrets. [Read more ...](#)

Moldova: Maia Sandu wins vote, beating Russia-backed competitor. [Read more ...](#)

Local news ...

Devon leads £2 million bid to end holiday hunger. [Read more ...](#)

Meet the Exe Valley Farm Shop team helping to keep us fed during the second lockdown. [Read more ...](#)

Articles ...

Remembering some of those who died before the guns fell silent ... Audrey Dewjee shares her thoughts.

[Read more ...](#)

David Lammy: 'You can be critical of your country and still love it'. The Labour MP talks about belonging, Brexit and Caribbean comfort food. [Read more ...](#)

Tristan da Cunha marine protection zone. This 690,000km² zone – almost three times the size of the UK – will safeguard one of the world's most pristine marine environments and protect the wealth of wildlife that lives there. [Read more ...](#) [Watch ...](#)

Bangladesh launches all-female police team to fight online abuse. The move comes to tackle abuse of women as authorities seek to address growing public concern about gender-based violence. [Read more ...](#)

Videos and podcasts ...

LOVE CHILD - An Iranian couple who are set upon the heart-breaking mission to flee from Tehran in order to save their lives as well as their illegitimate four-year old son, 'Mani'. Speaking will be Love Child director Eva Mulvad, lead film subject Leila Morsali plus Tara Sepehri Far, Middle East and North Africa researcher for Human Rights Watch.

[Watch ...](#)

MLK, Malcolm X and Kwame Nkrumah's daughters discuss racial justice. [Watch ...](#)

How Plymouth changed black sport in the UK [Watch ...](#)

The untold story of the RAF's black Second World War fliers over Europe [Watch ...](#) [View ...](#)

Things to do ...

Saturday 21st November 1pm and 8pm - *Lament for Sheku Bayoh* - Hannah Lavery's personal response to the tragic death of Sheku Bayoh in police custody at The Lyceum, Edinburgh. [Details ...](#)

Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd November 2020 7pm to 8.30pm - *The Story of Windrush* features the lived experiences of men and women of Caribbean heritage in the UK between 1940 and 2020. [Details ...](#)

Monday 23rd November 4pm – Mary Seacole Memorial Lecture *Mary Seacole: Preserving the Legacy Now for Future Nurses*. [Details ...](#)

Wednesday 25th November 9:30am *UK Government and Business Climate Dialogue: Reaching Net Zero Through Science-Based Targets* - speakers include The Rt Hon Kwasi Kwarteng. [Details ...](#)

Friday 27th and 28th November - Agile Rabbit *Futures2020*. Diverse topics jostle for your attention at this two-day online festival: games, Ancient Greeks, Climate Change, machine learning, and ecological art.

[Details ...](#)

Campaigns ...

The Covid Recovery Group of Conservative MPs have said that one of their guiding principles is that local and regional public health teams should be leading contact tracing. [Petition ...](#)

There are clear solutions to the government's outsourced test and trace mess in England. At the November spending review next Wednesday, Rishi Sunak can announce that he is diverting vital funds to excellent local and regional public health teams in England immediately, instead of giving it to failing Serco and the private companies involved in track and trace. [Petition ...](#)

The fight back against UK aid misuse [Petition ...](#)

Businesses, organisations, community groups and people from all walks of life are coming together to tell the Prime Minister that #TheTimesNow for a cleaner, greener world that works for everyone. [Petition ...](#)

The COP26 Coalition is a civil society coalition made of groups and individuals from a range of constituencies in Scotland and the rest of the UK, organising for climate justice around COP26.

[Read more ...](#) [Watch ...](#)

If the Overseas Operations (Service Personnel and Veterans) Bill passes, it would put the UK in breach of its international legal obligations, including the UN Convention Against Torture. [Petition ...](#)

Poem ...

Fortitude by Nairobi Thompson. [Listen ...](#)

Book ...

The Shadow King by Maaza Mengiste [Details ...](#)