



# DDE Newsletter No. 246

## Climate Crisis – Climate Justice

£22bn for 'unproven' green tech could raise bills, MPs warn. In October, the government pledged nearly £22bn for CCUS (Carbon Capture, Utilisation and Storage) facilities and three quarters of the money will be raised from consumer bills. [Read more ...](#)

'Denmark is showing the world what is possible': how the North Sea became the 'green power plant of Europe' The North Sea, a waterway hugged by major European nations, is providing clean power to the continent – and inspiring the next generation of engineers. [Read more ...](#)

Record January warmth puzzles climate scientists. January 2025 had been expected to be slightly cooler than January 2024 because of a shift away from a natural weather pattern in the Pacific known as El Niño. [Read more ...](#)

India's renewables push holds lessons for the world. While global energy demand is increasing, around 675 million people worldwide still lack access to basic electricity. Cost-effective, green technologies offer compelling ways to close this gap sustainably, and fortunately, their use is growing across the world. [Read more ...](#)

## Other News

'My memories are crushed and buried': a long walk home in Gaza. 'My memories are crushed and buried': a long walk home in Gaza. The Guardian's reporter in the territory describes the journey back to see what might remain of their prewar lives. [Read more ...](#)

Your phone, a rare metal and the war in DR Congo. There is a good chance that inside your mobile phone is a miniscule amount of a metal that started its journey buried in the earth of eastern Democratic Republic of Congo, where a war is currently raging. [Read more ...](#)

Is South Africa 'confiscating land', targeting some groups as Trump claims? US president has threatened to cut funding to South Africa over alleged land grabs. But what's the truth of the matter? [Read more ...](#)

'Dear, did you say pastry?': meet the 'AI granny' driving scammers up the wall. Daisy's dithering frustrates phone fraudsters and wastes time they could be using to scam real people. [Read more ...](#)

## Local News ...

Riverford employees to share £1.3m payout as veg box firm's profits jump. More than 1,000 staff at Devon-based group will get about £1,000 each after profits more than doubled. [Read more ...](#)

## Topics discussed at Thursday's World at Lunch

Hello Kitty at 50: a Japanese success story of simplicity and cuteness. [Read more ...](#)

A Billionaire's Biggest Regret: Letting an Old Love Slip Away. Bill Gates recently described the dissolution of his 27-year marriage as a painful "mistake." As he's learned, you can't put a price on a relationship that's seen you through it all. [Read more ...](#)

Proud Boys Lose Trademark To Black Church They Vandalized. Proud Boys chapters across the country can no longer use the group's name or logo unless granted approval by the church. [Read more ...](#)

Settled, industrious, essential: it's time we saw immigration as a British success story. New arrivals are set to push the population to 72.5 million but the numbers matter less than how well people fit in once here. [Read more ...](#)

Taiwan's next generation takes on its fear of the deep. A cocktail of protectiveness, fear and superstition has led many Taiwanese to stay away from the ocean, but that is starting to change, one swimming class at a time. [Read more ...](#)

### Things to do ...

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 9am to 12.30pm** *Nurturing Creativity*. This exhibition forms part of the assessment for students undertaking an innovative module [The Art and History of Nursing](#). [Details ...](#)

**Venue:** Baring Court Room 03, University of Exeter, St Lukes Campus, Heavitree Road, Exeter

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 7pm to 8:15pm** *Stand with Colombia. Inside the global fight against corporate courts* organised by Global Justice Now. [Details ...](#)

### Campaigns:

**Greenpeace:** Energy Transfer, an American oil company, is suing Greenpeace in the US and Greenpeace International for \$300 million. [Petition ...](#)

**Global Justice Now:** No new oil and gas: MP and MSP week of action. [Details ...](#)

**Avaaz:** Stop China's indoctrination of Tibetan children! ... forcing into boarding schools in Tibet, where they face abuse and are indoctrinated until they no longer speak the same language as their parents. [Petition ...](#)

### Campaign Updates:

**Greenpeace:** How to talk to your kids about the climate crisis (a free guide). [Details ...](#)

**Practical Action:** Small World Issue 84. [Read ...](#)