



# DDE Newsletter No. 251

## Climate Crisis – Climate Justice

Amazon forest felled to build road for climate summit. A new four-lane highway cutting through tens of thousands of acres of protected Amazon rainforest is being built for the COP30 climate summit in the Brazilian city of Belém. [Read more ...](#)

Flood and drought risk increasing in cities. The world's 100 most populated cities are becoming increasingly exposed to flooding and drought, according to new research. [Read more ...](#)

'All the birds returned': How a Chinese project led the way in water and soil conservation. The Loess plateau was the most eroded place on Earth until China took action and reversed decades of damage from grazing and farming. [Read more ...](#)

## Other News

International Women's Day in numbers: How the fight for equality is still lagging behind. As International Women's Day is marked around the world, The Independent crunches the numbers on women's lives at work and at home. [Read more ...](#)

UN chief visits Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh as hunger fears rise. Antonio Guterres's visit comes after the UN food agency says it may have to halve food vouchers for the Rohingya starting next month. [Read more ...](#)

The Palestinians Israel displaces in the West Bank have nowhere to go. Palestinians in the occupied West Bank are anxious about the future as Israel steps up aggression against refugee camps. [Read more ...](#)

The trailblazing female Cambodian tuk tuk group driving change in a male-dominated industry. Ms Kim started Tuk Tuk Lady to empower women and give them independence. Now, with a community of almost 50 women, they're also able to benefit from the boom in the country's tourism too. [Read more ...](#)

Battered statue bears witness to Haiti's tragedy, resilience and flickering hope. The depiction of the Unknown Maroon – the Nèg Mawon – was commissioned by a dictator to represent freedom and now stands in the middle of a war zone. [Read more ...](#)

## Websites...

**Exeter Community Energy (ECOE)** Enabling local people to own renewable energy & energy saving projects. <https://www.ecoe.org.uk/>

**Daybreak** is a cooperative boardgame about stopping climate change. <https://www.daybreakgame.org/>

## Topics discussed at Thursday's World at Lunch

Burkina Faso Unveils First Indigenous Electric Vehicle. Burkinabe engineers are in charge of the design and manufacturing processes, showcasing the country's growing capabilities in the automotive sector.

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China wants us to buy its electric cars. Should you hit the road in one? BYD is increasingly dominating the world market and now wants to persuade UK motorists to snap up its vehicles. [Read more ...](#)

Fearing toxic waste, Greenland ended uranium mining. Now, they could be forced to restart - or pay \$11bn. The island is being sued by a mining company over its decision, and faces paying nine times its annual budget in damages if it loses. [Read more ...](#)

Greenland election: Democrat party wins surprise victory amid spectre of Trump. Opposition centre-right party gains most votes ahead of Naleraq party, with coalition talks expected to begin. [Read more ...](#)

Let men do the housework! What's so hard about it? [Read more ...](#)

Crumble, cookies and madeleines – recipes of hope for Iran's jailed women. Sepideh Gholian's diary of prison life came out four years ago. Next month, she will publish a cookbook to honour her fellow inmates. [Read more ...](#)

*The Evvin Prison Bakers' Club: Surviving Iran's Most Notorious Prisons in 16 Recipes* by Sepideh Gholian (Author) Hessam Ashrafi (Translator). [Details ...](#)

As a Kid, Bill Gates Sneaked Out His Window at Night — to Write Code. A new memoir by the tech mogul recounts a boyhood steeped in old-fashioned, analog pastimes as well as precocious feats of coding. [Read more ...](#)

*Source Code: My Beginnings* by Bill Gates. [Details ...](#)

### Local News ...

New book inspired by Exeter's City of Literature status. *UNESCO Cities of Literature* – published on 6 March, World Book Day – was written by University of Exeter MA Publishing students. [Read more ...](#)

Time travel through Devon town as thrilling events unveiled. From riots to railways, a new series of talks and tours will uncover its past. [Read more ...](#)

Sarah Turvill Multifaith Centre officially opened at the University of Exeter. [Read more ...](#)

### Things to do ...

Killerton's exhibition for 2025 - Unflappable, fashioning the 1920s, will explore aspects of thoroughly modern dress 100 years ago. [Details ...](#)

## Campaigns:

**Greenpeace:** Save our seas from destructive fishing. Industrial supertrawlers are tearing through the UK's Marine Protected Areas, wiping out marine life at an alarming rate and impacting the livelihoods of small-scale fishing communities. [Petition ...](#)

**Everyday Plastic:** UK supermarkets to remove plastic packaging from five fruit & veg products so shoppers can #ChooseLoose. [Petition ...](#)

**350.org:** Tell President Lula: Break up with Big Oil! Brazil's President Lula said he will approve more oil exploration near the Amazon River – the only water source that local Indigenous People and wildlife depend on. [Petition ...](#)

## Campaign Updates:

**Fairtrade Foundation:** Karma Drinks ... create real change for the women behind their brand. Through The Karma Foundation 1% of their revenue goes back to communities who grow their cola nuts in Sierra Leone, funding school burseries, affordable loans to female entrepreneurs, and healthcare. [Read more ...](#)

**Practical Action:** Accelerating action for gender equality: Why urgency matters. [Read more ...](#)

**Practical Action:** How we're putting women at the centre so the world works better for everyone. [Read more ...](#)

**Action Aid:** Who Owes Who? External debts, climate debts and reparations in the Jubilee Year. [Read more ...](#)

**Global Justice Now:** BP blames 'misplaced' faith in green transition for its renewed focus on fossil fuels. CEO Murray Auchincloss says 'fundamental reset' will mean cut of more than £4bn to low-carbon investment plan. [Read more ...](#)