



DDE Newsletter No. 273

Climate Crisis – Climate Justice

Data centres to be expanded across UK as concerns mount. [Read more ...](#)

Cities across the UK are facing a growing threat from an emerging phenomenon called "firewaves" as temperatures rise due to climate change, scientists have warned. [Read more ...](#)

'We are on the frontline': the ambitious plan to save an Alpine village from a climate catastrophe. A huge lake formed by a melting glacier above Pralognan-la-Vanoise could inundate the village – but a project is under way to stop it. [Read more ...](#)

'Erasure of years of work': outcry as White House moves to open Arctic reserve to oil and gas drilling. US Bureau of Land management is working to rapidly strip protections to largest tract of land in the US. [Read more ...](#)

Other News

Global plastic talks collapse as countries remain deeply divided ... landmark treaty to end plastic pollution have once again failed. [Read more ...](#)

Trump's foreign aid cuts have 'strengthened tyranny' in Myanmar, rights groups say. USAID funding cuts have given Myanmar's military rulers 'carte blanche' to escalate human rights abuses. [Read more ...](#)

'Our children are dying': Rare footage shows plight of civilians in besieged Sudan city. The women at the community kitchen in the besieged Sudanese city of el-Fasher are sitting in huddles of desperation. [Read more ...](#)

Harlem to Hebron: the long history of Black solidarity with Palestinians. A mutual alliance between oppressed people has been revived with Israel's full-scale invasion of Gaza. [Read more ...](#)

Things to do ...

Tuesday 3rd and Wednesday 4th September 9am to 5pm *Deconstructing the Inca: Multidisciplinary Approaches to Empire in the Andes.* [Details ...](#)

Books ...

Reframing Blackness: What's Black about "History of Art"? by Alayo Akinkugbe. [Details ...](#)

In *Reframing Blackness*, Alayo Akinkugbe challenges museums to see blackness first. [Read more ...](#)

Topics discussed at Thursday's World at Lunch

If you tire of your Cotswolds manor, JD, my Airbnb cottage is all yours. Just bear with me while I dust up and hide my copy of the Lesbian Sex Bible. [Read more ...](#)

Meningitis Can Now Be Quickly Spotted in Babies Thanks to New Non-Invasive Test to Replace Spinal Taps. [Read more ...](#)

He Was Getting Weaker and More Confused. Could It Be His Drinking? The middle-aged man had received weeks of treatment before a doctor figured out what was missing. [Read more ...](#)

'Underground' university for women in Afghanistan thriving. Thousands of girls are defying the Taliban regime and pursuing their studies in online courses, set up by a fellow Afghani woman whose dreams were crushed. [Read more ...](#)

The Second Sleep by Robert Harris review – an elegant, post-apocalyptic thriller. A priest investigates a vicar's untimely death in a future Britain where reason is banished by dogma. [Read more ...](#)

Campaigns:

Debt Justice: UK-based oil trader BB Energy is taking legal action against South Sudan in the High Court in London. [Petition ...](#)

Avaaz: Sierra Leone ... urge immediately ... implement the ruling of the Court of Justice of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), revise the Child Rights Act of 2025, and ban FGM. [Petition ...](#)

350.org: Stop destroying the Amazon! While the Brazilian government is selling off the Amazon Rainforest to fossil fuel companies, banks like Banco Santander are bankrolling them to further destroy the Amazon. [Petition ...](#)

Campaign Updates:

Make Votes Matter: Don't Hate the Politicians, Hate the Game. [Read more ...](#)

CPRE: The government has published the first key part of its ambitious new food strategy to significantly change our relationship to food and how it affects our society, economy and relationship to the land. [Read more ...](#)

Debt Justice: Debt, democracy and the rise of authoritarianism. [Read more ...](#)

Greenpeace: Anish Kapoor protest art at Shell's North Sea platform. [Read more ...](#)