



DDE Newsletter No. 311

Climate Crisis – Climate Justice

UN members prepare for pivotal vote on landmark ICJ climate justice ruling. If resolution is passed, governments will recognise their legal responsibility to cut greenhouse gas emissions. [Read more ...](#)

Beware of Wolves, but Straw Houses Could Help With Climate Change ... a Princeton University team erected a cottage made from the agricultural byproduct [Read more ...](#)

Young inventor plans to stop 90% of floating sea plastic by 2040. In an era of climate anxiety, a Dutch nonprofit is developing river-based technology that could dramatically cut ocean plastic within decades. [Read more ...](#)

The global sand crisis: it's being used up faster than it can be replaced. It is the most extracted solid material on Earth – but this extraction can threaten ecosystems and livelihoods. [Read more ...](#)

Other News

Imagine a technique that can heal Britain of division and keep out the hard right. I call it 'radical listening'. In my constituency, volunteers chat with people in deprived areas – most of whom find they are to the left of their voting intentions. The results are exhilarating. [Read more ...](#)

Three years of the West Bank's 'third Nakba'. Displacement and violence haunt Palestinian Bedouins, forced from their homes repeatedly since the Nakba of 1948. [Read more ...](#)

'They have built a machine that pulls out their mother tongue': why Tibet's children 'think they are Chinese'. Parents say the insistence on Mandarin in schools is eroding the Tibetan language and culture right from early childhood. [Read more ...](#)

'The world is sounding an alarm': Why big tech is the new colonist. Power is no longer exercised through military force alone, but via technology, finance, and control over information, experts warn. [Read more ...](#)

Things to do ...

Thursday 21st May 2:30pm to 3:30pm *Cassandra's Children: Scientific Responsibility in an Era of Climate Emergency* Speaker Dr Aaron Thierry, Cardiff University. Organised by Global Systems Institute. [Details ...](#)

Thursday 18th June 6:30pm *Everyday Plastic Book Club* with Beth Gardiner, author of *Plastic Inc.: Big Oil, Big Money and the Plan to Trash Our Future*. [Details ...](#)

Topics discussed at Thursday's World at Lunch

Footprints in the Sand: The Jamaican Economic Policymaking Experience 2016–2024 by Nigel Clarke

[Details ...](#)

The Venice Biennale is drowning in politics. Mired in controversy, boycotts and creative whitewashing, at the 61st edition only a few great artists could cut through the noise. [Read more ...](#)

<https://www.labiennale.org/en/art/2026>

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David Attenborough's 100 Years on Planet Earth. [Watch ...](#)

The Magdalene Laundries in Ireland were a terrible scandal, but it is easy to overlook that the UK had its own version – the long-stay hospitals. [Read more ...](#)

Cleveland Clinic tells lawmakers new trauma center allows better treatment instead of risky transfers
Several state lawmakers asked the Cleveland Clinic to pause opening a trauma center until a needs assessment was complete. [Read more ...](#)

The Cherokee Bible, one of the language's first books, is a window between worldviews. [Read more ...](#)

Local news ...

Portrait Commission with Eileen Perrier: 100 Black Women Professors Now Trailblazer Cohort.

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Can an evening of immersion and connection to nature help people with chronic pain? ... discover if the Nightingale's famous song and the combination of music and nature can help people with chronic pain.

[Read more ...](#)

Giant eagles set to return to Devon after 200 years despite 'genuine fears'. The eagles are nicknamed "flying barn doors" due to their size. [Read more ...](#)

Choughs reappear at Tintagel Castle in Cornwall after decades of absence. King Arthur is said to have transformed into a chough when he died, its red feet and beak representing his bloody end. [Read more ...](#)

Watch and listen ...

Radio 3: *Private Passions* - Michael Berkeley's guest is 98-year-old teacher and writer Joyce Trotman.

[Listen ...](#)

Campaign Updates ...

Practical Action: Taking action against Bolivia's wildfire crisis. [Read more ...](#)