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Articles ...

COP26: Document leak reveals nations lobbying to change key climate report. A huge leak of documents seen by BBC News shows how countries are trying to change a crucial scientific report on how to tackle climate change. [Read more ...](#)

Over 100 million people in Africa threatened by climate change. WMO report warns 1.3 billion people remain 'extremely vulnerable' as the continent warms more and at a faster rate than global average. [Read more ...](#)

These Maldives islanders once saw sharks as the threat. Now they fear the plastic. Diving with tiger sharks off Fuvahmulah brought a tourist boom that has led to a destructive tide of plastic waste. But now locals are pushing back. [Read more ...](#)

Writers urge readers to 'Decolonize Your Bookshelf' with new canon of diverse authors. It's time for a new list of sacred texts to help introduce people to authors long overlooked in schools. [Read more...](#)

World at Lunch ...

Gen Z on how to save the world: young climate activists speak out. With courage and ambition, those born into the reality of global heating are leading the way in confronting it. Ahead of the crucial Cop26 conference, we talk to young activists around the world. [Read more ...](#)

My friend David Amess connected with everyone. We must not hide away. Even after the horror of his death, MPs should strive to help and be seen by their constituents, writes the Speaker. [Read more ...](#)

MPs calling for legislation to end online division and nastiness should first consider their own behaviour. Stronger internet legislation is needed. But how will that moderate the brutishness of real people in real places? [Read more ...](#)

Julia Gillard misogyny speech voted most unforgettable Australian TV moment: watch in full. [Watch ...](#)

UK agrees free trade deal with New Zealand. The UK has agreed a free trade deal with New Zealand which it says will benefit consumers and businesses. [Read more ...](#)

Insulate Britain might be floundering but eco extremism is here to stay. Doomist demonstrators might not have the best idea of how to win fights. But they are the future. [Read more ...](#)

First-ever Winners of Prince William's Earthshot Prize announced. [Read more ...](#)

Protests in Eswatini, Africa's last absolute monarchy, long for democracy. [Read more ...](#)

Local news ...

Meet Devon's Black change-makers and unsung heroes. From farmers to activists, artists, and writers. These are just some of the many people working in their local communities to support others and make change. [Read more ...](#)

The Lord Mayor's Saturday coffee mornings are back between 10am and 1pm at the Guildhall. This year the Lord Mayor, Cllr Trish Oliver, is raising money for Inclusive Exeter CIC, that runs a range of projects for the benefit of Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME) communities. [Read more ...](#)

Devon's Climate Assembly shows the way to a net-zero future. [Read more ...](#)

Inside Heavitree's new park cafe and community hub. [Read more ...](#)

Videos and podcasts ...

War on Want: 25 Years of fighting for Food Sovereignty, where next? [Watch ...](#)

Meet the experts: Fairtrade farmers taking on the climate crisis. [Watch ...](#)

Things to do ...

Wednesday 27th October 6:30pm to 8pm *Cancel the Debt for Climate Justice* organised by the Jubilee Debt Campaign. [Details ...](#)

Friday 29th October 5:30pm to 7:30pm *Cook-Along with MasterChef Contestant Raheel Mirza!* and enjoy a beautiful music set from Palestinian Oud player Saied Silbak while you cook. Organised by Palestinian Solidarity Campaign. [Details ...](#)

Friday 19th to Sunday 28th November *Exeter Festival of Compassion* - a mix of online/hybrid and face-to-face activities (e.g. roundtable discussion), workshops (e.g. mindful meditation) and invited speakers organised by Exeter University. [Details ...](#)

Campaigns ...

38 Degrees: Make sure the Environment Bill protects Bees and Pollinators. [Petition ...](#)

Nobel Peace Prize Winner Malala Yousafzai and women's rights advocates Zarqa Yaftali and Shaharзад Akbar just called on leaders to urgently get millions of Afghan girls back in school. [Petition ...](#)

RSPB: Help to tackle the nature and climate crisis by pledging to give up peat. [Pledge ...](#)

Website ...

A representative sample of 70 Devon citizens from different social backgrounds, including young people over the age of 16 were invited to take part in the Devon Climate Assembly ... see their report <https://www.devonclimateemergency.org.uk/citizens-assembly/>