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Climate Crisis – Climate Justice

BBC criticised over climate question in Tory leadership debate. Campaigners say question about individual action was irresponsible and too little time spent on subject. [Read more ...](#)

Rewilding: Before and after photos reveal stunning transformation of Scottish glen. Area once overgrazed by livestock now thriving ecosystem full of wildlife. [Read more ...](#)

'Floating solar parks' to be trialled in North Sea. Solar panels linked together will ride waves 'like a carpet', says German energy firm. [Read more ...](#)

How nine women are helping save India's mangroves – with foraging and eco-tours. In a Maharashtra town that once relied on fishing, a women's collective found boat safaris and edible wild plants pay – and help protect the forest. [Read more ...](#)

Other News

'Overshoot day': humans surpass what Earth can produce in a year. [Read more ...](#)

Tunisia referendum approves expansion of president's powers – officials. Electoral commission – controlled by President Kais Saied – says 95% voted yes in constitutional referendum, which was boycotted by opposition groups. [Read more ...](#)

Displaced people learn DIY skills in DR Congo camp. At Kigonze camp for the displaced in eastern DRC, residents are now learning new skills to prepare them for a life of self-sufficiency. [Read more ...](#)

Birmingham 2022 means nothing unless Britain addresses colonial past, says Barbados's deputy high commissioner. [Read more ...](#)

Defiance in Myanmar even as executions prompt fears for detained. More than 70 political prisoners are on death row in the country and analysts fear a desperate military regime could step up killings. [Read more ...](#)

Watch and listen ...

'The Art of Cutting Carbon' is a unique project which uses art installations commissioned by the BBC to highlight the carbon dioxide emitted by the big industries around us. [Watch ...](#)

Celebrating new ways of reducing CO2 - the art of cutting carbon. [Read more ...](#)

Topics discussed at Thursday's World at Lunch

Beware the luxury beach resort. These ostensible paradises have a dark side. [Read more ...](#)

A Language Changed. Digital media is changing language — sometimes rapidly. We explore the example of American Sign Language. [Read more ...](#)

Snipped in solidarity: the American men getting vasectomies after Roe – while they can. Following the supreme court's abortion decision, urologists say more men are taking charge of their reproductive health, to permanent ends. [Read more ...](#)

World population to reach 8 billion on 15 November 2022. [Read more ...](#)

Body politics: the secret history of the US anti-abortion movement. The overturning of Roe v Wade is part of a wider movement entangled with nativism and white supremacy. [Read more ...](#)

Environment Agency gives South West Water rock bottom one-star rating. Company which supplies water and sewage services to Plymouth is downgraded by Environment Agency which now calls for stiffer penalties. [Read more ...](#)

Kamala Harris mounts high-stakes comeback bid with 'How Dare They' tour of America Analysis. The sudden reanimation of the US Vice President comes at a time of crisis for Joe Biden, but can she turn it around or is it too little too late? [Read more ...](#)

Can songs save an endangered language? A music-led movement is revitalizing the Garifuna language in Central America. In Belize, travelers are invited to join in. [Read more ...](#)

Low winds stopped what might have been new 'great fire of London', says expert. More than 40 houses were destroyed by fires on Britain's hottest day. Now there are calls for an urgent rethink on building safety laws. [Read more ...](#)

Climate change: UK sea level rise speeding up - Met Office. Sea levels are rising much faster than a century ago, reveals the Met Office's annual look at the UK's climate and weather. [Read more ...](#)

Local News ...

A sustainable chocolate start-up, an app to monitor flood resilience and an A-level politics revision platform were among the original and inspiring business ideas celebrated at the Student Startups Awards. [Read more ...](#)

Devon's farms could be the key to new community energy revolution. [Read more ...](#)

Apprentices resurrecting traditional seaside entertainment to bring puppets, magic and song to Devon beaches. [Read more ...](#)

Campaigns ...

38degrees: Sewage pollution: Action needed now – not in decades. Rewrite the Storm Overflows Discharge Reduction Plan to ensure quicker and more ambitious action. [Petition ...](#)

350.org: Tell the REAL story about the climate crisis - email the editors of your local newspapers. [Details ...](#)

Campaign Updates ...

Palestine Solidarity Campaign: To stand with Masafer Yatta. As Israel continues to demolish Palestinian villages across the occupied West Bank, the call for BDS is stronger than ever, but so are attempts by Israel and its allies to ban the movement. [Read more ...](#)

Stop the War Coalition: \$2 Trillion for War Versus \$100 Billion to Save the Planet. [Read more ...](#)

Global Justice Now: New PM to give bankers more power to gamble on food. [Read more ...](#)

International Tree Foundation: Transforming Our Planet for 100 Years - 100 years ago, an environmentalist had a vision to empower communities to plant trees that protect the planet and transform their landscapes and lives. [Read more ...](#)

Global Justice Now: Do Zambia's lenders care about human life? Zambia is spending half its budget on debt, as it deals with the impacts of the pandemic. [Read more ...](#)

Fly With Me: A Multi-City Kite Festival. On the 20th August 2022, celebrate the ancient Afghan craft of kite-making and mark one year on since the Taliban takeover of Afghanistan.

<https://www.afghanaid.org.uk/Event/fly-with-me>

Amnesty International firmly believe that no one – including any government – has the right to take away someone else's life. They oppose the use of the death penalty in every single case. No matter what the crime, who the alleged criminal is, or the method proposed to execute them – they will always stand against it.

<https://www.amnesty.org.uk/issues/Death-penalty>