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Climate Crisis – Climate Justice

A visual guide to deforestation in Brazil's Amazon rainforest. Fortunes of world's largest rainforest and its Indigenous inhabitants have risen and fallen with political leadership. [Read more ...](#)

Network of geothermal power stations 'could help level up UK'. Many of Britain's poorest towns are in areas with greatest potential for renewable energy, says report. [Read more ...](#)

After a plastic bag ban, Kenya takes another shot at its pollution problem. Despite a single-use bag ban in 2017, Nairobi and its waste collectors are still inundated with plastic. Can a new law pin responsibility on the manufacturers? [Read more ...](#)

Rock 'flour' from Greenland can capture significant CO₂, study shows. Powder produced by ice sheets could be used to help tackle climate crisis when spread on farm fields. [Read more ...](#)

The 'exploding' demand for giant heat pumps. [Read more ...](#)

Other News

A 'Russian love affair': Why South Africa stays 'neutral' on war. South Africa's public stance of neutrality in the Russia-Ukraine war has been at variance with its decades-long relationship with Moscow. Why is that so? [Read more ...](#)

The perfect blend: how coffee farms in Costa Rica are mixing wildlife, agriculture and tourism. The perfect blend: how coffee farms in Costa Rica are mixing wildlife, agriculture and tourism. A new crop of farming co-ops are finding ways to safely open up untouched landscapes and exotic wildlife to visitors – and grow superb coffee. [Read more ...](#)

Why do more than 800 million people live in hunger? Ten percent of the world's population does not have enough food, the highest number in more than a decade. [Read more ...](#)

Why Erdogan's victory matters for the West. [Read more ...](#)

Local News ...

Six exceptional medieval manuscripts will return to Exeter for the first time in over 400 years in June, as part of the new exhibition at Royal Albert Memorial Museum. [Read more ...](#)

A pioneering Devon-based company is helping to transform the UK automotive industry and support the transition to net zero with the launch of its innovative electric vehicle battery recycling technology. [Read more ...](#)

Topics discussed at Thursday's World at Lunch

The adoption of sign language is a loud win for anti-capitalism. Its new status as a national language in South Africa follows a long struggle against forces that put profit over people. [Read more ...](#)

Covid inquiry must examine impact of UK's 'broken sick pay' system, says TUC. Failure to provide proper financial support left millions exposed to pandemic, says union boss. [Read more ...](#)

Assembling the Oxford Dictionary of African American English. Linguists from Oxford meet to compare notes on words like "bussin" (adj.) and "do-rag" (n.). [Read more ...](#)

If you defend free speech, you must defend it all and not silence those you disagree with. Ministers trumpet their law against 'no-platforming' in universities, but that doesn't stop them disinviting critics from their own conferences. [Read more ...](#)

The backlash: how slavery research came under fire. More and more institutions are commissioning investigations into their historical links to slavery – but the fallout at one Cambridge college suggests these projects are meeting growing resistance. [Read more ...](#)

Things to do ...

Sunday 4th June 4pm to 6pm: *Diasporian Stories Research Group* in celebrating 25 years of friendship and working together to research and disseminate Black History in Yorkshire. [Details ...](#)

Saturday 10th to Sunday 18th June *Great Big Green Week* UK's celebration of community action to tackle climate change and protect nature. [Details of local events ...](#)

Tuesday 13th to Sunday 18th June *Exeter Art Week* From the oldest institutions to the freshest faces, Art Week is a celebration of art and artists in the city. [Details ...](#)

Campaigns ...

Greenpeace: Global Plastics Treaty Now! governments at the UN are starting the second round of negotiations for a Global Plastics Treaty. [Petition ...](#)

Avaz: Appeal to defend the Amazon and Indigenous lands! This week, the Brazilian Congress began voting for a new law that will allow miners and tree cutters back into forests and sacred lands, and it will remove protections for Indigenous people. [Petition ...](#)

Campaign updates ...

Practical Action Regenerative agriculture – celebrating 50 years the influential book *Small is Beautiful*, by Practical Action's founder, E.F. Schumacher which called for innovative solutions that put people at their heart. [Read more ...](#)