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Climate Crisis – Climate Justice

Water wars: meet the guardians of one of Europe's most vital wetlands. Doñana national park in Andalucía, Spain, is being threatened by drought, over-consumption and rightwing MPs. Seven people who work there describe the fragile ecosystem and what it means to them. [Read more ...](#)

India slashes emissions rate by one-third in 14 years, putting it on track to reach UN goal. [Read more ...](#)

What did Amazon nations agree upon at the summit in Brazil? Nations gathered in Belem agree to a list of environmental policies but fall short on deforestation and oil. [Read more ...](#)

Back to the stone age: the sustainable building material we've all been waiting for... It's strong, plentiful and fireproof, as well as beautiful, yet stone has long been supplanted in the building industry by energy-consuming steel, concrete and brick. A trio of advocates for this age-old material say it's time for a rethink. [Read more ...](#)

Other News

How is sign language adapting to climate change? For deaf children, teachers and scientists, talking about things like "greenhouse gases" or "carbon footprint" used to mean spelling out long, complex scientific terms, letter by letter. [Read more ...](#)

The 'hanging libraries' of Nigeria: How a book drive is exciting pupils. The quality of basic education is on a decline in Nigerian public schools. One volunteer book drive wants to halt that. [Read more ...](#)

Fighting in Sudan's Omdurman intensifies as displaced tops 4 million. The army is trying to recapture territory lost to the RSF by taking back control of a bridge across the Nile. [Read more ...](#)

Windrush pensioner, 92, among overseas NatWest customers to have accounts axed by bank. Philip Cato had thousands of pounds withheld by the bank after it shut his account in clampdown on overseas account holders. [Read more ...](#)

Local News ...

Council Leader pauses plans to stop funding support for homeless people. [Read more ...](#)

Refugees find peace and healing in nature with Deer Wood Trust. A local charity is helping refugees reconnect with nature and improve their wellbeing through foraging, outdoor cooking, and meditation in the woods. [Read more ...](#)

Topics discussed at Thursday's World at Lunch

Ohio voters reject measure that would have made it harder to change constitution. [Read more ...](#)

My live fast, die young youth was fun, but I don't expect the NHS to pick up the pieces. Don't knock the nanny state; people just need help to live healthy lives. [Read more ...](#)

Chaos in the aisles: has cinema etiquette reached an all-time low? A summer box office boom, thanks to Barbenheimer, has led to multiple stories of bad behaviour at the movies, from fights to phone usage. [Read more ...](#)

The Land of Hope and Fear review: vivid portrait of Israel in ferment. Isabel Kershner of the New York Times has written an absorbing account of a country at war with itself. [Read more ...](#)

The war hero without a name: London museum hunts for Wren's identity. Only known portrait of a female second world war naval officer to go on display – but no one knows who she is. [Read more ...](#)

Watch and listen ...

A lecture by Guyanese historian Clem Seecharan, introduced by Professor David Dabydeen. [Watch ...](#)

BBC Radio 4: Living on the Edge: Cardiff Bay with Roma Taylor, founder of Windrush Cymru Elders. [Listen ...](#)

Book...

Black Poppies: The Story of Britain's Black Community in the First World War by Stephen Bourne (a book for children) [Details ...](#)

Campaigns

Avaaz: Join the People's Declaration to Save the Amazon - adopt vital, science-based protections for the Amazon and its peoples. [Petition ...](#)

Reprive: Steven Gerrard & Jordan Henderson: Speak out for child defendants facing execution in Saudi Arabia. [Petition ...](#)

Change.org: FIFA Recognise Afghanistan Women's National Football Team in Exile. [Petition ...](#)

350.org: Call for Hoang Thi Minh Hong's release and stand in solidarity with all climate defenders. [Details ...](#)

Campaigns Updates ...

Medical Aid for Palestinians: MAP provides support for women and children displaced by violent clashes in Ein el-Hilweh refugee camp. [Read more ...](#)