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Climate Crisis – Climate Justice

Poor countries win fight for climate cash at COP28. In a surprise that has lit up COP28, delegates have agreed to launch a long-awaited fund to pay for damage from climate-driven storms and drought.

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The climate crisis explained in 10 charts. From the seemingly inexorable increase in atmospheric CO2 to the rapid growth in green energy, we explore the data as Cop28 begins. [Read more ...](#)

Climate crisis: Three women helping wildlife survive. Discussion of climate change usually focuses on the danger to people, but wildlife is equally affected, if not more so. The crisis is contributing to the risk of extinction of 12,260 threatened species, the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) recently calculated. [Read more ...](#)

How problematic is mineral mining for electric cars? In part two of our series exploring myths surrounding EVs, we weigh up the issues of resource extraction. [Read more ...](#)

Other News

‘The four centuries of slave trade shaped the spectre of racism and are woven into the fabric of global development’. A lasting legacy of racism, oppression and colonialism is laid bare at a powerful exhibition in Cambridge. Confronting it can help us build a more equitable world. [Read more ...](#)

Deadly harvest: how demand for palm oil is fuelling corruption in Honduras. Latin America is the fastest-growing producer of the lucrative crop, but at what price for the environment and its defenders?

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Lebanese residents of border towns return home amid truce in Gaza. About 55,500 Lebanese have been displaced by clashes between Hezbollah and Israeli forces since October 7. [Read more ...](#)

‘Sometimes you feel you’re in Palestine’: culture and cause burn brightly in Chile. Chile has the largest Palestinian diaspora outside the Middle East – and it is lending its considerable weight to the call for justice. [Read more ...](#)

Website...

Climate Science Breakthrough: Its vision is to prototype different ways to communicate the climate science, and scale up those that work best to make a tangible and urgent difference.

<https://www.climatesciencebreakthrough.com/>

Topics discussed at Thursday's World at Lunch

The Surprise Reappearance of a Rare Frog Has Scientists Leaping to Protect Its Habitat. The marsupial frog, which incubates its young in a pouch on its back, was thought to be extinct in some countries.

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African Penguins Tell Each Other Apart by Their Polka Dot Patterns. New research suggests the birds may find their mates in crowded colonies by looking at their chest plumage. [Read more ...](#)

Dr Chelsea Polis: 'The scientific world recognises when you stick your neck out and do the right thing.' The US reproductive health expert on being sued for \$1m, and winning a top prize for her fight for free speech in the public interest. [Read more ...](#)

'This may be just the beginning': the guards at Finland's closed Russian border. As remote Arctic crossing points are shut, officers say they plan to stick to the job in the glare of a geopolitical spotlight.

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Local News ...

COP28: *We Are The Possible* - a collaborative interdisciplinary project that seeks to co-create new narratives to help us to understand our role as responsible beings with agency to imagine and forge a liveable future. [Read more ...](#)

Green Circle Survey - a 12-mile circular route of footpaths and cycle paths around Exeter. [Read more ...](#)

Future of Lower Hoopern Valley a steeply sided, 38-acre plot of land managed by Exeter University.

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Literary Art at Exeter St Davids. [Read more ...](#)

Large hydrogen plant proposed at Devon green energy hub. Levelling Up funding totalling £15.6m has been set aside by Torridge District Council to build the Clean Maritime Innovation Centre at Appledore.

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Campaigns ...

Greenpeace: Dove: stop poisoning our planet with plastic. You say you care about 'Real Beauty'? Prove it.

[Details ...](#)

Change.org: Stop copper mining in the Intag area of Cotacachi, in Ecuador. This beautiful land sits within the Tropical Andes Biodiversity Hotspot, the most biodiverse of the world's 36 Hotspots. [Petition ...](#)

Campaign Updates ...

Reprieve: UN expert decries the practice of taking boys from their mothers at detention camps in Syria.

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StopEACOP: Ugandan student climate activists who are fighting to stop the East African Crude Oil Pipeline of from devastating the environment and violating the human rights of locals where it trails. [Read more ...](#)