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Climate Crisis – Climate Justice

'The wildlife that has come is phenomenal': the UK farmers holding off floods the natural way. Planting trees, creating floodplains and rewilding rivers are among the new techniques being used to adapt to a heating climate. [Read more ...](#)

'We can't pretend the ecological crisis is separate': the economist thinking differently about climate breakdown. James Meadway, once a Labour adviser and now a podcast host, says the separation between climate and economy has to end. [Read more ...](#)

Other News

Moon's resources could be 'destroyed by thoughtless exploitation', Nasa warned. Astronomers say launch of dozens of lunar probes could jeopardise research and valuable resources such as sea ice in craters. [Read more ...](#)

Deep-sea mining: Norway approves controversial practice. Norway has become the first country in the world to move forward with the controversial practice of commercial-scale deep-sea mining. [Read more ...](#)

The former BBC journalist Laura Trevelyan and the Labour MP Clive Lewis speak to Nicole Vassell about their fight for reparations for the descendants of slavery, their haunting ancestral connection, and why their friendship endures in spite of it. [Read more ...](#)

A quick guide to South Africa's ICJ case against Israel. As Israel defends itself against genocide charges, pro-Palestine campaigners hope the World Court will put an end to Gaza war. [Read more ...](#)

'A country but not a country': Taiwan prepares to vote in China's shadow. Some 63 percent of Taiwan's people identify as Taiwanese even as Beijing claims the island, but it might not affect Saturday's vote. [Read more ...](#)

Who are the Houthis? A simple guide to the Yemeni group. The Houthis have been in a decade-long civil war and say their attacks are in opposition to Israel's war on Gaza. [Read more ...](#)

Things to do ...

Wednesday 17th January 6:30pm to 7:30pm *Greenpeace Project Climate Vote: January Kickoff Call*

[Details ...](#)

Topics discussed at Thursday's World at Lunch

The Picnic: An Escape to Freedom and the Collapse of the Iron Curtain by Matthew Longo review – a break for the border. The US academic has written a thoughtful and vividly realised account of the extraordinary chain of events around a summer party in Hungary that precipitated the end of Soviet power in central Europe. [Read more ...](#)

Two Cuban documentaries show effects of US sanctions on island nation. Liz Oliva Fernández says the sanctions, imposed 60 years ago and upheld through Biden, have led to a 'desperate situation'. [Read more ...](#)

Thermo Fisher stops sale of DNA kits in Tibet after activists raised fears of rights abuses. Campaigners say testing is among methods used to surveil people in the tightly controlled region. [Read more ...](#)

DNA from ancient Europeans reveals surprising multiple sclerosis origins. [Read more ...](#)

Kenya's push to make 'boda-boda' motorbike taxis go electric. Moses Lugalia has joined Kenya's budding electric vehicle revolution - by exchanging the noisy roar of his petrol motorbike for the gentle hum of an electric one. [Read more ...](#)

Local News ...

Cullompton's Roman past revealed in stunning new painting. Artist Jane Reed brings to life the ancient history of Cullompton and its Roman fort in a breathtaking painting based on archaeological evidence and research. [Read more ...](#)

Migrants can be 'transformative force' for sustainable development. [Read more ...](#)

After COP28 "insider" climate activists will become increasingly important, study suggests. [Read more ...](#)

Campaigns ...

Avaaz: Stop drilling in the Amazon. There are the signs of the Amazon's climate collapse -- yet the government is further straining the limits of its survival by selling off land for fracking right in the heart of the forest! [Petition ...](#)

350.org: What's your New Year's Climate Resolution? [Read more ...](#)

Rainforest Rescue: Indonesia: Fight the marine bitumen spill off Nias Island! The wreck of the tanker MT AASHI, which ran aground months ago, is leaking bitumen – a sticky, tar-like crude oil byproduct – polluting the waters and damaging coral reefs, mangrove forests and coastlines. [Petition ...](#)

Campaign Updates ...

Practical Action: Aliou keeps hope afloat in West Africa. For people living in Thies Nord, Senegal, the rains mean worry. This is a poor area, and the homes haven't been built to cope with the increasing threat of floods. [Read more ...](#)