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Climate Crisis – Climate Justice

'Our contribution to a cleaner world': How Kenya found an extraordinary power source beneath its feet. The 1970s oil crisis helped pave the way for Kenya to utilise its vast geothermal resources beneath the Great Rift Valley. [Read more ...](#)

It is time to draw down carbon dioxide but shut down moves to play God with the climate. [Read more ...](#)

UK Clean Air Night campaign shines light on wood burning. [Read more ...](#)

Key climate language poorly understood by majority in UK, poll finds. Terms such as 'green', 'sustainable' and 'environmentally friendly' understood only by minority, says study. [Read more ...](#)

Other News

New coffee genetic map promises better brews. [Read more ...](#)

Uganda's first Oscar-nominated film tells story of Bobi Wine persecution. The film retells the political persecution of popstar-turned-politician Bobi Wine as he takes on the longtime Ugandan leader. [Read more ...](#)

In India, an algorithm declares them dead; they have to prove they're alive. [Read more ...](#)

For the Indian Muslim, Ayodhya is everywhere. Indian secularism is buried under a mountain of saffron politics, as Hindu nationalists celebrate the Ram Temple in Ayodhya. [Read more ...](#)

Yemen: enchanting, complex, and much misunderstood. After years of self-isolation from Yemen, the west's fight is based on limited information – and even less understanding. [Read more ...](#)

Things to do ...

GSI Seminar Series: COP28 Reports. [Details...](#)

Date/time tba Africa Climate Solutions talk by Prof Richard Betts et al.

Wednesday 31st January 4pm to 5pm *The Global Carbon Budget 2023* talk by Dr Mike O'Sullivan

Wednesday 7th February 4pm to 5pm *Global Tipping Points Report* talk by Dr David Armstrong McKay et al.

Thursday 22nd February 7:30pm to 8:30pm *Slavery in the South West* This talk by Dr Richard Stone will consider how the connections with Bath and Bristol spread the influence of slavery into the wider South West region. [Details ...](#)

Topics discussed at Thursday's World at Lunch

Soul Farm, the regenerative small-scale farm that helps feed the poor. It works with local foodbanks but needs to expand so it can do even more good in the community. [Read more ...](#)

'Angel or antichrist': Russia grapples with Lenin's legacy 100 years after death. Vladimir Putin blames leader of 1917 revolution for his woes in Ukraine but remains unable to diminish his towering legacy. [Read more ...](#)

Russian Authorities Thwart Protests from Wives and Mothers of Recruits. [Read more ...](#)

Despite S. Korea's low birth rate, babies are still being sent overseas for adoption. [Read more ...](#)

Seaweed could save a billion people from famine after a nuclear war. A nuclear war could lead to food shortages due to soot blocking out the sun, but a model suggests seaweed farming could expand to meet up to 15 per cent of the food eaten by humans. [Read more ...](#)

Arctic zombie viruses in Siberia could spark terrifying new pandemic, scientists warn. Threat of outbreak from microbes trapped in permafrost for millennia raised by increased Siberian shipping activity. [Read more ...](#)

Fears are mounting of military call-up. Could conscription really return to the UK? [Read more ...](#)

Local News ...

University of Exeter heads to Davos to accelerate climate solutions. [Read more ...](#)

Powerful Ukrainian war poetry finds voice in English translations. [Read more ...](#)

Exeter awarded more than £40m for new green heating network. [Read more ...](#)

Writers from Indonesia and Exeter unite on climate change project. [Read more ...](#) [and ...](#)

Construction of UK's first geothermal power plant begins in Cornwall. "The aim is to build a genuinely sustainable industry, bringing back some of the original jobs that were tied into the mining industry years ago in Cornwall" [Read more ...](#)

River Conversation event will invite people to become River Exe heroes. Come and discover the wonders of the River Exe and its wildlife, and how you can help protect them from pollution, invasive plants, and climate change. [Read more ...](#)

Website...

Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty: The Paris Agreement did not mention fossil fuels. The COP28 outcome was riddled with loopholes, qualifiers and dangerous distractions. It's time for a Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty.

<https://fossilfuel treaty.org/>

Campaigns ...

Global Justice Now: UK leaders: Support the global exit plan from fossil fuels. The Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty is a global plan to bring a fast and fair end to the era of coal, oil and gas. [Petition ...](#)

Campaign Updates ...

Global Justice Now: The Fossil Fuel Treaty: A global plan for a fossil-free future. [Read more ...](#)

Coal Action Network: Leading Global Insurers Rule Out East African Crude Oil Pipeline. [Read more ...](#)