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Climate Crisis – Climate Justice

African leaders call for equity over minerals used for clean energy. ‘Crucial’ UN resolution attempts to avoid repeat of injustices produced by Africa’s fossil fuel sector. [Read more ...](#)

Why firms are racing to produce green ammonia. In the 19th Century, Europeans realised what the Inca had known long before. Bird droppings, or guano, made a fantastic fertiliser. [Read more ...](#)

Community wind farms could be the key to slashing energy bills. Installing solar panels and batteries in homes can cut power costs by up to 31%. [Read more ...](#)

Startup plans project to drill for ‘million-year’ energy source: ‘Our technology allows us to access energy anywhere in the world’. [Read more ...](#)

Other News

A growing hunger: Argentina’s soup kitchens battle Milei’s spending cuts. Under President Javier Milei, Argentina’s government has cut funds to community kitchens, sparking mass protests. [Read more ...](#)

Is democracy dying in Africa? Senegal’s slide into chaos bodes ill in a year of key elections. With millions set to vote in 2024, the continent’s future is in the hands of a younger generation disillusioned by the apparent failure of their elected leaders and stagnant economies. [Read more ...](#)

In New York, Israeli conscientious objectors find community after ostracism. Mandatory military service in Israel has left some young Israelis facing a stark choice: fight or be branded outsiders. [Read more ...](#)

‘They took our home, our land, everything’: Palestinians speak out against settlers on UK sanctions list. As the UK, US and France impose sanctions on ‘extremist Israeli settlers’, Palestinians face assault by gun, bulldozer and attack dog. [Read more ...](#)

As Israel strikes all around it, fear rises in Lebanon’s Sidon. Reeling from successive crises, the people of Sidon worry that the next one could come in the form of Israeli bombs. [Read more ...](#)

Local News ...

Funding boost for tackling homelessness welcomed in Exeter. [Read more ...](#)

Exeter’s unique renewable energy project shortlisted for another top award. [Read more ...](#)

Act to save Dartmoor rainforest from sheep, urge campaigners. Authorities asked to step in to protect Black-a-Tor Copse, an ancient temperate rainforest in Devon at risk from overgrazing. [Read more ...](#)

Topics discussed at Thursday's World at Lunch

Jamaica's 'dark tourism' drive will turn colonial buildings into slavery monuments. The physical legacy of the empire, including crumbling Georgian plantation houses and infrastructure, can benefit economy, ministers believe. [Read more ...](#)

'It's on our doorstep': Bristol's fearful parents seek answers after three knife deaths in three weeks. As teenage victims are mourned across the English city, some believe the return of youth centres would keep children safer. [Read more ...](#)

Birthrate in UK falls to record low as campaigners say 'procreation a luxury'. Total fertility was 1.49 children per woman in 2022 amid rising housing and childcare costs. [Read more ...](#)

'Ruinously expensive': record number of inheritance disputes in England and Wales. As many as 10,000 people are disputing wills every year, according to estimates by specialist solicitors. [Read more ...](#)

The Malawians braving climate shocks and red tape to make banana wine. Global warming has shrunk crop yields in farming communities. Some have poured their frustration into making wine. [Read more ...](#)

Book ...

Amanda Ira Aldridge and Avril Coleridge-Taylor: Getting the Tempo Right by Stephen Bourne. [Details ...](#)
Other books by Stephen Bourne at <https://stephenbourne.co.uk/books/>

Campaigns ...

Global Justice Now: Don't Insure the East African Crude Oil Pipeline. [Details ...](#)

Big Plastic Count: March 11th to 17th Gather the vital evidence we need to convince UK ministers, supermarkets and big brands to lead the way at global talks that could finally phase out plastic production. [Details ...](#)

Campaign Updates ...

Biofuelwatch: Flying on garbage? Fulcrum Bioenergy's trash talk. The founders of Fulcrum Bioenergy had a fabulously marketable idea: turn garbage destined for overburdened landfills into fuel for cars and airplanes. [Read more ...](#)

Green Futures Network: February 2024 Newsletter. [Read more ...](#)

Greenpeace: Demanding reparations: voices from the People's Health Tribunal against Shell and TotalEnergies. [Read more ...](#)