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Climate Crisis – Climate Justice

Wind resistance: can Colombia overcome opposition to get its green energy plan back on track? In the state of La Guajira, ambitious plans to transition to renewables are beset by bureaucratic delays and anger from many local Indigenous people, who see it as 'new colonialism'. [Read more ...](#)

Engineers develop ultra-efficient electricity storage method using piles of rocks — here's how it works. You can put up solar panels, install our storage system and be able to heat the greenhouse overnight with energy collected during the day. [Read more ...](#)

Climate change: Logging decline after political change in Brazil, Colombia. The number of trees lost in tropical forests in Brazil and Colombia fell dramatically last year because of political action, a new analysis finds. [Read more ...](#)

The New Climate Tech. Ambitious projects are trying to engineer the atmosphere. [Read more ...](#)

Other News

Land Day: What happened in Palestine in 1976? Every year on March 30, Palestinians hold protests and vigils and plant olive trees to reaffirm their connection to the land. [Read more ...](#)

The end of an era for the French language? Nations reviewing their dependence on French reflects the deep divide between Paris and capitals across the Sahel – which could have long-term economic implications. [Read more ...](#)

'Hidden in plain sight': the European city tours of slavery and colonialism. From Puerta del Sol plaza in Madrid to the Tuileries Garden in Paris, guides reshape stories continent tells about itself. [Read more ...](#)

The Brazilian farm workers exploited to harvest an everyday ingredient ... Workers in Brazil's poor north-eastern state of Piauí rely on harvesting wax from carnauba palm trees to earn a living. [Read more ...](#)

Things to do ...

Thursday 11th April 6:30pm *Nuclear exploitation: how uranium mining harms communities* – webinar organised by CND. [Details ...](#)

Saturday 20th April 2pm at Exeter Phoenix *Bill Douglas My Best Friend* Jack Archer's new documentary on one of Britain's greatest filmmakers screening in association with The Bill Douglas Cinema Museum. [Details ...](#)

Topics discussed at Thursday's World at Lunch

Taliban edict to resume stoning women to death met with horror. Afghan regime's return to public stoning and flogging is because there is 'no one to hold them accountable' for abuses, say activists.

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Under the Banner of Heaven. [Watch ...](#)

The vexed issue of Jamaicans and their beaches. [Read more ...](#)

Ringleader of global monkey torture network, 'The Torture King', is charged. [Read more ...](#)

There are more than 1,000 varieties of banana, and we eat one of them. Here's why that's absurd. The lack of diversity could mean the fruit's extinction. It offers a stark warning of what could happen to other key foods. [Read more ...](#)

Suicide and abuse revealed at Under Armour, Columbia and American Eagle supplier. A young woman allegedly in forced labour at a clothes factory in Jordan killed herself while making products for the global fashion brands. [Read more ...](#)

Local News ...

Museum's 'Man in Red Suit' Stars in Royal Academy's 'Entangled Pasts'. [Read more ...](#)

Acclaimed new book turns modern economic history on its head. The leading advocates of free trade during the mid-19th-20th centuries were inspired by left-wing, anti-imperialist, feminist and pacifist motivations, according to an acclaimed new history book. [Read more ...](#)

First tree and woodland strategy for Devon ... to enhance and protect trees and woodlands in the county. [Read more ...](#)

Campaign Updates ...

Christian Aid: Maria's journey as a Beekeeper in Honduras. [Read more ...](#)

Practical Action: 12 easy ways to prevent plastic pollution. [Read more ...](#)