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Climate Crisis – Climate Justice

'It absolutely took off': five UK biodiversity success stories. From new butterfly habitats in the Cotswolds to arctic willow planting in the Scottish Highlands, there are increasing numbers of places where humans are giving nature a helping hand to re-establish itself. [Read more ...](#)

Major report joins dots between world's nature challenges. Climate change, nature loss and food insecurity are all inextricably linked and dealing with them as separate issues won't work, a major report has warned. [Read more ...](#)

'If 1.5m Germans have them there must be something in it': how balcony solar is taking off. Balcony solar panels can save 30% on a typical household's electricity bill and, with vertical surface area in cities larger than roof space, the appeal is clear. [Read more ...](#)

Earth's Hidden Treasure: Mountain Of Hydrogen Could End Fossil Fuel Era, Study Finds. The discovery challenges previous beliefs that hydrogen, being a small molecule, would not accumulate in large quantities underground. [Read more ...](#)

Other News

Defining genocide: how a rift over Gaza sparked a crisis among scholars. New reports by human rights groups use the term to describe Israel's offensive. The debate has fueled a brutal division among those who study mass violence. [Read more ...](#)

Why has DRC filed criminal charges against Apple over 'conflict minerals'? The tech giant has been accused of sourcing conflict minerals from sub-Saharan Africa. [Read more ...](#)

How this jewellery brand is using female-led businesses to tackle extreme poverty in Uganda. In the town of Kamuli in eastern Uganda, Annabel Grossman meets women who have set up their own businesses – and explores how a no debt entrepreneurship model can create sustainable change. [Read more ...](#)

40 years after Bhopal gas tragedy, barefoot school 'offers hope'. Former students at a school set up for children of survivors of the 1984 disaster recall their families' struggles in the aftermath. [Read more ...](#)

'A whole new world opened up': the radical project taking Israel-Palestine into schools. Issues often deemed too controversial for the classroom are bread and butter for Parallel Histories, which teaches children to see hot-button topics from both sides. [Read more ...](#)

Topics discussed at Thursday's World at Lunch

Obscurity awaits Bashar al-Assad in Moscow after Putin offered personal escape route. Deposed Syrian president and his family are unlikely to live an extravagant lifestyle in Russia. Instead, they will probably be hidden away in a secluded estate, shielded from public view. [Read more ...](#)

Man Found 'Soaked and Frozen' in Romanian Mountains Says Devoted Pet Kitten 'Kept Me Alive'. [Read more ...](#)

Ocean Heat Wiped Out Half These Seabirds Around Alaska. About four million common murrelets were killed by a domino effect of ecosystem changes, and the population is showing no signs of recovery, according to new research. [Read more ...](#)

UK retailers accused of recruiting young shop workers without rights over Christmas. Lush and Gymshark among chains using apps promoted by TikTok influencers to take on gig economy assistants lacking basic protections, say unions. [Read more ...](#)

Trouble in Arctic town as polar bears and people face warming world. [Read more ...](#)

Local News ...

New project launched to recover and celebrate Indigenous knowledge of Caribbean landscapes. [Read more ...](#)

Global Carbon Budget: Fossil fuel CO₂ emissions increase again in 2024. [Read more ...](#)

We have officially advised our university to ditch carbon offsets – and focus on cutting emissions. [Read more ...](#)

Eight new projects funded by UKRI to support circular fashion. Future Fibres Network Plus ... aims to bring environmental science into the heart of the UK fashion, clothing and textile sectors. [Read more ...](#)

This December, Exeter UNESCO City of Literature is highlighting local literature as part of a global project with other Cities of Literature from across the world, to show how books from Exeter & Devon reflect the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals. [Read more ...](#)

Households offered use of thermal imaging cameras. Homes in west Devon are being offered the chance to use thermal imaging cameras to see how they could be more energy efficient. [Read more ...](#)

Campaign Updates:

Debt Justice: Suriname's Debt Crisis Shows Us How Global Capitalism Works. [Read more ...](#)

Global Justice Now: The government will consult on updated environmental guidance for offshore oil and gas projects, following a Supreme Court ruling. [Read more ...](#)
Demand a global exit plan from fossil fuels. [Read more ...](#)

Journal of Fair Trade: Who Cares About Fair Trade? Celebrating Five-Years + Looking Ahead. [Read more ...](#)