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Climate Crisis – Climate Justice

Hottest year on record sent planet past 1.5C of heating for first time in 2024. Highest recorded temperatures supercharged extreme weather – with worse to come, EU data shows. [Read more ...](#)

What is climate change in sign language? Experts develop new vocabulary for the deaf community. [Read more ...](#)

New British Sign Language allows people to talk about climate crisis. [Watch ...](#)

'Forgotten' How one Mexican city struggles against big industry for water. San Cristóbal de las Casas, Mexico – The famous red and white logo can be seen on almost every street. [Read more ...](#)

'It's not just alerts, it's a state of mind': How a wildfire monitoring app became essential in the US west. Watch Duty – which began in California and has expanded across 14 states – alerted the public to more than 9,000 wildfires in 2024. [Read more ...](#)

Other News

Danish king changes royal coat of arms in apparent rebuke of Trump over Greenland row. The US president-elect has expressed his desire to buy the territory for the US. [Read more ...](#)

'We would turn up to find books on fire': the teachers risking kidnap and death to keep Burkina Faso's schools open. Conflict has forced a fifth of the country's schools to close. One teacher, determined to keep working despite threats from marauding Islamist militias, shares their testimony. [Read more ...](#)

Sense of impunity 'absolute': The NGO holding Israeli soldiers to account. The Hind Rajab Foundation is using Israeli soldiers' own social media footage as evidence for war crimes investigations. [Read more ...](#)

From a colonial hill town to Idris Elba's island masterplan: what do these Sierra Leone developments tell us about urban elites? [Read more ...](#)

Watch and listen ...

LA fires 'like being in a blast furnace', says journalist and author John Vaillant ... winner of the Baillie Gifford prize for non-fiction for his book *Fire Weather* [Watch ...](#)

Things to do ...

Monday 13th January 2025 to Friday 28th March Monday - Friday 9am - 6pm

Exhibition: *Paper and Print: Exploring the history of papermaking in Exeter* [Details ...](#)

Venue: Arts and Culture Display Space, Ground Floor, Queen's Building, University of Exeter, EX4 4QH

Topics discussed at Thursday's World at Lunch

Afghanistan shows what investing in women's education – or divesting – can do to an economy.

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Afghan female Olympian urges England cricketers to boycott Champions Trophy game. [Read more ...](#)

Indonesia launches free meals program to feed children and pregnant women to fight stunting.

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'Now all the rules are different': Ukraine braces for dealmaker Trump to enter negotiations. The US president-elect's policy on the conflict may prove decisive, but appeasing both sides will be a challenge.

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Why supporters of South Korea's impeached president Yoon Suk Yeol are flying US flags. The prominence of the US flag at conservative rallies reflects a complex intersection of religion, politics and identity that defines South Korea's far-right movement. [Read more ...](#)

Pope Francis names first woman to head major Vatican office. [Read more ...](#)

Pope Names Vocal Supporter of Migrants as Next Cardinal in Washington. The appointment of Robert W. McElroy is a signal of the pope's priorities, two weeks before Donald J. Trump's term begins. [Read more ...](#)

Appeals court rules Jack Smith report can be released but Merrick Garland still has a fight on his hands. The special counsel handed in his final report days before Trump returns to the White House.

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Local News ...

Helping hospital patients come home earns Exeter Community Energy, ECOE, two awards. [Read more ...](#)

Lift off for drone research programme. Dozens of drone experts touched down at a recent event to explore how the technology could be used to save money and improve services. [Read more ...](#)

Campaign Updates:

EAPPI: Only Palestinians need apply: the permit maze in the West Bank. [Read more ...](#)

EAPPI: 'Just a big prison': Checkpoints in the West Bank. [Read more ...](#)

CPRE: All you need to know about the Sunshine Bill [Read more ...](#)

Debt Justice: Labour urged to lead global debt relief effort as cost of repayments soars. Campaigners call for action in 2025, as crippling repayments prevent spending to cut poverty and tackle climate crisis.

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