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Climate Crisis – Climate Justice

Planet-warming gas levels rose more than ever in 2024. Levels of the most significant planet-warming gas in our atmosphere rose more quickly than ever previously recorded last year, scientists say, leaving a key global climate target hanging by a thread. [Read more ...](#)

Norway on track to be first to go all-electric. Norway is the world leader when it comes to the take up of electric cars, which last year accounted for nine out of 10 new vehicles sold in the country. [Read more ...](#)

Nigel Farage and Liz Truss attend launch of climate denial group led by ex-Ukip head. The group boasts that it is 'the world's most prominent think tank supporting scepticism about man-made climate change'. [Read more ...](#)

Other News

Israel-Hamas ceasefire: What's left of Gaza and its people? A ceasefire agreement has been announced between Israel and Hamas, but what will displaced Palestinians come back to? [Read more ...](#)

Africa has no shortage of celebrated writers – so why is it so hard for African readers to get hold of their books? Across the continent books can be expensive and libraries scarce. But growing numbers of tech innovators and independent publishers are working to make African literature available and affordable. [Read more ...](#)

'Criminally reckless': why LA's urban sprawl made wildfires inevitable – and how it should rebuild. A century of foolhardy development, including public subsidies for rebuilding in the firebelt, hugely contributed to this tragedy, writes our architecture critic. LA must rethink – and build upwards not outwards. [Read more ...](#)

'Solar Mamas empower our people by giving them electricity': the women lighting up Zanzibar. Women with little to no formal education trained to become solar technicians, transforming villages and tackling patriarchal norms. [Read more ...](#)

Biden administration expected to lift 'terror' designation for Cuba. The decision would reverse a move during Donald Trump's first term to re-name Cuba a 'state sponsor of terrorism'. [Read more ...](#)

Website...

Woven Together is a community-based research project, exploring the history of Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic people in Dundee.

<https://woventogetherdundee.wixsite.com/woventogetherdundee>

Topics discussed at Thursday's World at Lunch

Michael Rosen on importance of rhyme in new *We're Going On A Bear Hunt* sequel. The former children's laureate has teamed up with the original story's illustrator, Helen Oxenbury, for a new book titled *Oh Dear, Look What I Got!* [Read more ...](#)

Indie bookshops 'buck the trend' of retail gloom as store numbers stay high. Booksellers have increasingly moved to make their shops 'warm, welcoming and experiential' places to get customers through the doors. [Read more ...](#)

Can you read cursive? The National Archives needs volunteers with your 'superpower'. The National Archives is looking for volunteers with an increasingly rare skill: Reading cursive. [Read more ...](#)

'I was terrified about parental backlash': taking contested history into schools. Parallel Histories, one of three charities the Guardian is supporting this year, helps students navigate contemporary conflicts. [Read more ...](#)

Don't Call Kennedy a Vaccine Skeptic. Call Him What He Is: A Cynic. [Read more ...](#)

'A welfare state with a budget on the right side of zero': Iceland's youngest-ever prime minister has a plan for a new kind of governance. Kristrún Frostadóttir, who entered politics just four years ago, speaks to the Observer about feminism, the far right and reopening talks on joining the EU. [Read more ...](#)

Local News ...

Share your pandemic memories as part of new Exeter project to mark five years since Coronavirus came to the city. [Read more ...](#)

National Trust and University launch HistoryScapes storytelling app to offer 'time travel experience' through voices from the past. [Read more ...](#)

A thought-provoking exhibition, exploring where the food on our plates comes from and the history of food production in Britain, is set to be served up by Exeter's popular Royal Albert Memorial Museum and Art Gallery (RAMM) (from Saturday 22 March). [Read more ...](#)

Campaign Updates:

EAPPI: 'Teachers cut a hole in the fence so we can easily run away': Education under attack. [Read more ...](#)

Greenpeace: Why is 24 January 2025 a crucial moment for the Climate and Nature Bill? [Read more ...](#)

Medical Aid for Palestinians: MAP welcomes suspension of hostilities in Gaza as crucial step toward saving Palestinian lives. [Read more ...](#)