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Climate Crisis – Climate Justice

Tehran may be evacuated as taps run dry due to water crisis. Iranian officials have floated the idea of moving the capital after years of severe water shortages. Read more …

Google plans to power a new data center with fossil fuels, yet release almost no emissions – here's how its carbon capture tech works. Read more …

TotalEnergies: French court ruling over false climate claims could boost African cases against polluters Read more …

Other News

Syria's Hama full of 'hope, joy' one year after al-Assad forces' exit. Thousands have taken to the streets in the central city, celebrating a new Syria free of al-Assad's reign. Read more …

The worst Palestinian olive harvest in collective memory. Read more …

History of the last survivors of the Atlantic slave trade named winner of Wolfson History Prize 2025. Read more …
Survivors: The Lost Stories of the Last Captives of the Atlantic Slave Trade by Hannah Durken. Details …

Indigenous Dayak sound alarm as palm oil firm razes orangutan habitat in Borneo. Read more …

Uganda stops granting refugee status for Eritreans, Somalis and Ethiopians. Government once seen as progressive on migration says aid cuts to blame for excluding countries 'not experiencing war'. Read more …

Local News …
Project launched to protect rivers that feed North Devon's surf ecosystem. Innovative trial project to restore rivers running into the sea at Woolacombe is bidding to reduce erosion and improve water quality at some of the top surf breaks in North Devon. Read more …

Things to do …
Wednesday 10th December, 12:30pm to 1:30pm *Extraction Fashion: unequal exchange and degrowth explored* Online presentation of the report published by Research & Degrowth and War on Want investigating exploitation within the fashion industry. Details …

Topics discussed at Thursday's World at Lunch

U.S. deports dozens of migrants to Ukraine amid war. Read more …

Expert panel advises against prostate cancer screening for most men in UK. Charities express 'deep disappointment' as government advisers find harms of screening all men would outweigh benefits. Read more …

Many Ukrainians living in the UK are facing having to apply for extensions to their visas, with little prospect of being able to return home soon. Read more …

Quote of the Day: 'Group' Is a Gift Still Treasured After 44 Years … six Long Island women who have met on the second and fourth Tuesday of most months for 44 years. Read more …

How an invasion of purple flowers made Iceland an Instagram paradise – and caused a biodiversity crisis. Nootka lupins, introduced in the 1940s to repair damaged soil, are rampaging across the island, threatening its native species. Read more …

BBC tells staff they can-not quote Trump line removed from Reith Lec-ture. Read more …

BBC Radio 4: BBC Reith Lectures 2025 – Moral Revolution. This year's BBC Radio 4 Reith lecturer is historian and best-selling author Rutger Bregman. Listen …

Watch and listen …
Channel 4: Make money or die: Inside Myanmar's multi-billion dollar scam industry. Watch …

Campaign Updates …
Greenpeace: Black Friday is an environmental nightmare – the Victorians had a much more sustainable approach to fashion. Read more …

International Tree Foundation: Planting trees and growing futures. Based in Kasese, Western Uganda the women of AWEI are restoring their land and rebuilding their futures. Read more …

CPRE: Greening the Grid. A manifesto for how we should be moving energy around the country. Read more …

CPRE: Hedgerow Heroes Phase Five: 13 local CPREs join the mission. Read more …

Global Justice Now: Hello, foreign oligarchs and corporations! Please come and sue the UK for billions. The case of a planned Cumbrian coalmine shows how governments around the world are being threatened by litigation in shadowy offshore courts. Read more …

Christian Aid: Breaking silence for the DRC this Christmas. The conflict in the DRC is going unreported. It shouldn't be this way. Read more …