

Local news ...

University of Exeter leads "rapid response" data analysis to aid NHS during COVID-19 pandemic

https://www.exeter.ac.uk/news/research/title_791548_en.html

Virtual Nature: Exploring how digital experiences of the natural world can impact health and wellbeing.

<https://virtual-nature.com/>

Hyperlocal: 10 micro-commissions by freelance Devon and Cornwall based artists exploring the hyperlocal of their immediate domestic environment.

<https://www.artsandcultureexeter.co.uk/hyperlocal>

Exeter Cathedral 'Tapisers' make NHS scrubs: a group of Exeter Cathedral needleworkers have swapped vestments and kneelers for NHS scrubs, in response to the coronavirus pandemic.

<https://www.exeter-cathedral.org.uk/news-events/latest-news/exeter-cathedral-tapisers-turn-their-hands-to-nhs-scrubs/>

Refugee Support Devon Newsletter – attached

Videos and podcasts ...

Kiwi poet Tomos Roberts (aka Tom Foolery) and the fairy tale video The Great Realisation. A bedtime story of how it started, and why hindsight's 2020 .

<https://www.nzherald.co.nz/lifestyle/news/article.cfm>

People from the Philippines share their gratitude to mark International Worker's Day.

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=249200479797004>

Miriam and Youssef: A drama about the founding of Israel. Miriam is a Jewish immigrant to Palestine, and Youssef is an Arab inhabitant driven into exile. At the heart of it all is the city of Jerusalem.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/w13xtv38/episodes/downloads>

Articles ...

Wildfires Are Burning 5 Million Acres in Siberia and Eastern Russia

<https://www.ecowatch.com/wildfires-siberia-russia-2645912533.html>

Traidcraft campaigning for UK fashion brands to honour their contracts and make sure the people who make our clothes and shoes are paid.

<https://traidcraftexchange.org/fast-fashion-how-are-brands-responding>

UK Muslim, 100, walks garden laps for virus victims while fasting. Inspired by Tom Moore, Dabirul Choudhury raises tens of thousands for coronavirus victims from UK to Bangladesh.

<https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2020/05/uk-muslim-100-walks-garden-laps-virus-victims-fasting-200506102657527.html>

Out of pandemic anti-Blackness, a case for pan-Africanism

<https://www.aljazeera.com/indepth/opinion/pandemic-anti-blackness-case-pan-africanism-200502160650489.html>

Aggressive testing and pop songs: how Vietnam contained the coronavirus. Before the crisis, trust in the government was ebbing. Swift action and open communication have changed that

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2020/may/01/testing-vietnam-contained-coronavirus>

How coronavirus is spurring the cause of a united Ireland. A pandemic that knows no borders has arrived at the same time as political support for unity is growing

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2020/may/02/coronavirus-united-ireland-pandemic->

Things to do ...

Virtual Workshop on Gender and Energy Access - May 12-13, 2020

https://duke.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bk29DQGJZs6TafP

More than 100 free Learn Devon online courses now available

<https://www.learndevon.co.uk/>

The Devon Heritage Centre is often the first place people in the county look when pursuing any historical research into their family, house or the area they live - they've got a huge archive for researchers to access online.

<https://swheritage.org.uk/news/access-to-archives-during-lockdown/>

World at Lunch ...

A poem ... For Papatūānuku – Mother Earth by Nadine Anne Hura

<http://newstoryhub.com/2020/04/for-papatuanuku-mother-earth-by-nadine-anne-hura-via-jacinda-ardern/> Martin Rowson on government plans to get the UK back to work — cartoon

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/picture/2020/may/04/martin-rowson-on-government-plans-to-get-the-uk-back-to-work-cartoon>

Green stimulus can repair global economy and climate, study says Projects will deliver higher returns amid Covid-19 crisis than conventional spending, researchers claim

<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2020/may/05/green-stimulus-can-repair-global-economy-and-climate-study-says>

Maslin's new venture ... The most delicious pesticide free Fruits and Vegetables you've ever tasted delivered fresh to your door

<http://veggiefavour.com/>

Will Johnson smuggle a bad Brexit through the coronavirus crisis? As the June extension deadline looms, the prime minister's priority will be to minimise damage to his personal brand and legacy

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2020/may/06/tories-brexit-coronavirus-boris-johnson>

Climate change: Could the coronavirus crisis spur a green recovery?

https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/science-environment-52488134?intlink_from_url=https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/topics/cmj34zmwm1zt/climate-change&link_location=live-reporting-story

Can't hurry love: slow worms embrace marathon sessions of lockdown loving. If you're gardening more than usual, try not to disturb the legless lizard, which can mate for up to 10 hours at a time in May

<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2020/may/01/cant-hurry-love-slow-worms-embrace-marathon-sessions-of-lockdown-loving-aoe>

Campaigns ...

Post Brexit the UK government is now free to negotiate a trade deal with Donald Trump. Oppose any US-UK trade deal that lowers our food standards, opens the NHS and other public services up to US corporations, or gives more powers to corporate courts.

<https://act.globaljustice.org.uk/no-toxic-trade-deal-trump>

Newsletter from Global Justice Now

<https://mailchi.mp/globaljustice/your-support-during-covid-19>

Poems ...

Here's a great poem by a mum to two young adopted children

<https://www.adoptsouthwest.org.uk/a-poem/>

'Greatness' in a Time of Covid by Tayo Aluko, playwright, actor and singer based in Liverpool.

<https://morningstaronline.co.uk/article/c/greatness-time-covid-tayo-aluko>

Jokes ...

Maybe a bit past it in more ways than one!

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/blog/our-favourite-jokes-for-world-laughter-day>