

Covid-19 and Uganda

We have the NHS ... **our colleagues and friends in Uganda** are not so fortunate and are understandably very concerned. You can follow the news in Uganda through [Daily Monitor](#) (independent newspaper) or [New Vision](#) (government newspaper).

See the Avaaz petition for one way to help https://secure.avaaz.org/campaign/en/coronavirus_debt_relief_loc or the one from the Jubilee Debt Campaign <https://jubileedebt.org.uk/actions/stop-coronavirus-debt-disaster>
If you have information on other countries you can share please email dde@globalcentredevon.org.uk

Windrush scandal

The **Windrush Lessons Learned report** was submitted to the Home Secretary on Wednesday 18th March <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/windrush-lessons-learned-review>

The Home Secretary made a statement to Parliament on Thursday 19th

<https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/windrush-lessons-learned-review>

You'll find a series of comment pieces on the scandal in the Guardian <https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/windrush-scandal>

Yemen

Wednesday 25th March marked five years since a Saudi-Arabian led coalition began bombing Yemen – five years in which Yemen's health system has "almost collapsed." <https://blog.caat.org.uk/2020/03/25/five-years-of-war-in-yemen/>

Unusual call for help ...

Climate change scientists planning to transcribe paper records from 1820s to 1950s

<https://www.theguardian.com/science/2020/mar/26/call-isolated-britons-help-digitise-historical-rainfall-data>

Books online

Although all libraries are now temporarily closed, that doesn't mean that you can't enjoy a good book! The [Devon Libraries Digital Library](#) lets you stream loads of free eBooks, eAudioBooks, eMagazines and much more.

Divestment from Fossil Fuels

Last week, the trustees of the MP Pension Fund released their annual report, showing that **the fund's investment in renewables has gone up significantly, while its fossil fuel investments dropped sharply**. This report shows approximately £36 million of new investments in renewables and significantly reduced investment in fossil fuel companies. Investment in BP, for example was down by 62%.

Rapping in South London

Rapper Psychs's track Spreadin' is about the pandemic and features lines about the importance of using no-contact greetings instead of traditional handshakes. It warns against the hubris of young people who think it will not affect them. The song features lyrics including "wash your hands, don't touch me, please. Please don't hug me" and "we can make a handshake using our feet ... I'm not trying to catch no virus". <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-pvnEijjSd0>

Lemn Sissay's poem:

*"Said the sun to the moon
Said the head to the heart
We have more in common
Than sets us apart"*