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Climate Crisis – Climate Justice

Climate crisis contributing to chocolate market meltdown, research finds. Scientists say more-frequent hotter temperatures in west African region are part of reason for reduced harvests and price rises.

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Corruption derailing climate fight, watchdog warns. Transparency International says corruption holds back global cooperation on climate change policy. [Read more ...](#)

There isn't enough 'sustainable' aviation fuel to make a dent in our emissions – and there won't be for years. [Read more ...](#)

'We left pieces of our life behind': Indigenous group flees drowning island ... His community, living on the tiny low-lying island of Gardi Sugdub, is the first in Panama to be relocated because of climate change.

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Other News

'Please don't do this': Afghan families in Pakistan caught in crackdown. More than 2 million Afghans in Pakistan could face a new deportation wave as Islamabad issues tough new rules – even for people with identity cards. [Read more ...](#)

What they lost: Families in terror as Israel raids West Bank camps. Israel killed Essam Awad's son. He tried to stay in the home Muhammed was raised in, but Israel forced him out. [Read more ...](#)

Paris AI summit: Why won't US, UK sign global artificial intelligence pact? While some countries want to ensure inclusion in development of AI, others call for low regulation. [Read more ...](#)

Children in Haiti falling prey to gruesome gang violence, Amnesty warns. Report estimates that more than a million children live in areas controlled by or under the influence of armed gangs. [Read more ...](#)

'Woman, life, freedom': the Syrian feminists who forged a new world in a land of war. In a society riven by conflict and misogyny, the autonomous region of Rojava has a government with perhaps the most complete gender equality in the world. [Read more ...](#)

Things to do

Wednesday 12th March, 2pm to 3pm. How the media covers climate change. [Details ...](#)

Topics discussed at Thursday's World at Lunch

Exeter 10,000 (EXTEND), our key research resource which acts as a gateway to further studies... set up to collect genetic, biological, clinical, and lifestyle information on at least 10,000 adult individuals.

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Kosovo goes to the polls as the shadow of Trump looms large. Fears of partition that arose during Trump's first administration have re-emerged as PM Albin Kurti navigates tense relations with both US and EU.

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Retailers including Trader Joe's and Kroger have begun limiting egg purchases. [Read more ...](#)

Rebuilding shattered Gaza may require a new Marshall plan. Palestinians face a mammoth task to rebuild homes and infrastructure – and Trump is unlikely to help. [Read more ...](#)

'Many teachers don't want to do this, but they're trapped': film shows extent of Putin indoctrination in Russian schools. Two years after he started documenting the effect of the Ukraine war on his pupils, Pavel Talankin reveals how it led to accolade – and exile from home. [Read more ...](#)

Mr Nobody Against Putin review – a teacher fights back in a powerful documentary. Sundance film festival: A primary school teacher in Russia pushes back on cruel nationalist propaganda in a fascinating and daring look at everyday encroachment. [Read more ...](#)

Here's How the Los Angeles Wildfires Are Affecting Animals, From Fish to Snakes to Birds. While scientists were able to save and move some creatures in the aftermath, researchers are worried about the prospects for other species. [Read more ...](#)

Local News ...

Iconic images of historic Mosul almost lost forever exhibited for the first time. The photos ... were taken over a period of more than 60 years by the celebrated photographer Muhammed Jawad Kadim. He managed to retrieve part of his extensive archive after IS destroyed his neighbourhood a decade ago.

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Red Hand Day 2025: Historical Perspectives on Child Soldiers. Every year on 12 February, advocates and policymakers mark Red Hand Day to call for the end of child soldiering. [Read more ...](#)

Farms Estate are Devon's 'Crown Jewels'. Two farmers have praised our Farms Estate and have credited the opportunities we have given them as the reason for their successes today. [Read more ...](#)

Campaign Updates:

Biofuelwatch: Green campaigners fear UK to renew subsidies to Drax power station. Billions of pounds from energy bill payers to run out in 2027 but could be extended as soon as Monday. [Read more ...](#)

Friends of the Earth: The future of Drax: old, inefficient, damaging and expensive. [Read more ...](#)

Greenpeace: Philippines storm survivors join climate protest outside Shell HQ in London. Greenpeace protest draws attention to worsening typhoons and demands accountability from major polluters.

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