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Climate Crisis – Climate Justice

Why the environmental impacts of a boom in desalination are too big to ignore. The process of desalination produces highly concentrated brine as a waste product, which can create ocean 'dead zones'. Most desalination plants around the world are also powered by fossil fuels. [Read more ...](#)

Dire warning aid cuts are stopping vulnerable nations from preparing for climate disaster. The climate negotiator for Malawi tells Nick Ferris that the slashing of funding, plus the failure to agree a financial target to help poorer countries adapt to climate change, is already having a stark impact. [Read more ...](#)

Gorilla habitats and pristine forest at risk as DRC opens half of country to oil and gas drilling bids. Government launches licensing round for 52 fossil fuel blocks, potentially undermining a flagship conservation initiative and affecting an estimated 39 million people. [Read more ...](#)

Turkiye's glaciers fall victim to climate change. Glaciers in Turkiye's southeast are melting rapidly, threatening water supplies and local tourism. [Read more ...](#)

Other News

Two friends, one war and the RSF's reign of terror in Khartoum. The story of two friends, taken in RSF dragnets, and what they saw inside the detention centres. [Read more ...](#)

Edinburgh University had 'outsized' role in creating racist scientific theories, inquiry finds. Investigation finds one of Britain's oldest and most prestigious universities benefited from transatlantic slavery and was haven for white supremacist theories. [Read more ...](#)

'Lumumba everlasting': Belgium marks Congo's slain leader's 100th birthday with exhibition – and possible trial. Surprise move towards trial of veteran diplomat over Patrice Lumumba's 1961 assassination coincides with show seeking to widen focus on his life and fight. [Read more ...](#)

'Because of women it became a people's revolution': what has changed one year on from Bangladesh's student uprising? Five female activists talk about their lives since Sheikh Hasina was ousted – and how the country can secure lasting change for women's rights. [Read more ...](#)

Things to do ...

Saturday 20th September *Salmon Run* Join in this celebration of the amazing salmon and Exe river. [Details ...](#)

Topics discussed at Thursday's World at Lunch

A self-proclaimed guerrilla artist is covering Glasgow in parody street signs in a bid to get people to look up from their phones and pay attention to the city around them. [Read more ...](#)

The 10 most beautiful libraries in the world. Some libraries aren't just places to borrow books — they're destinations with deep history and architecture that tell stories beyond the pages. [Read more ...](#)

How to stay cool: 100 ways to beat the heat. Learn how London once sourced its ice. [Read more ...](#)

Inside Kate Bush Day – the most bonkers, beautiful Wuthering Heights tribute you'll ever experience. [Read more ...](#)

Local News ...

Book lovers celebrate 90th Birthday of Penguin in Exeter ... It was at the station in 1934 that Sir Allen Lane was inspired to found Penguin Books after he couldn't find a good book to read. [Read more ...](#)

Climate interventions are accelerating in our oceans – but without responsible governance, they could do more harm than good, according to new research. [Read more ...](#)

Tin mining to return to Cornwall after Reeves makes £29m investment. Reopening of South Crofty mine, which closed in 1998, could create 1,300 jobs for region. [Read more ...](#)

Campaign Updates:

Medical Aid for Palestinians: 2024 Impact Review. [Read more ...](#)

Tipping Point: UK court backs Niger Delta residents' bid to sue Shell over decades of oil pollution. [Read more ...](#)

Reset Connect: 'Climateflation' could push up UK food prices by more than a third by 2050, report says. Increasingly extreme weather a threat to production and supply chains in Britain and elsewhere. [Read more ...](#)

Greenpeace: Meet the unexpected villains of the plastic pollution crisis. [Read more ...](#)

Practical Action: New office in Quito marked by commitment to Ecuadorian indigenous communities. [Read more ...](#)

Greenpeace: Plastics, Profits and Power: How petrochemical companies are derailing the Global Plastics Treaty. [Read more ...](#)