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Climate Crisis – Climate Justice

Oil exploration in the Congo basin rainforest could be a disaster for nature and the climate. The Democratic Republic of Congo is putting one of the best-preserved tropical ecosystems left on Earth up for auction, and the impact could be felt worldwide. [Read more ...](#)

Plastic credits: A 'false solution' or the answer to global plastic waste? As the UN meets to negotiate an international treaty to curb plastic pollution, many favour carbon credit-like offsetting. [Read more ...](#)

'Water has surrounded us': The slow death of Pakistan's Indus delta. Seawater intrusion into delta, where the river meets Arabian Sea, triggers collapse of farming and fishing communities. [Read more ...](#)

Farmers and green activists clash as parched France gasps for water. The construction of vast reservoirs has angered environmentalists as Europe misses its climate targets and warms faster than any other continent. [Read more ...](#)

Other News

80 years after Hiroshima atomic bombing, search for missing continues. On Ninoshima island, efforts to recover Hiroshima atomic bomb victims' remains aim to honour the lost and aid survivors. [Read more ...](#)

In oil-rich Angola, poverty, hunger and deadly unrest over fuel price hikes. Critics say most people living in Africa's third-largest oil-producing nation have yet to see benefits from that natural wealth. [Read more ...](#)

Joy and relief as lotus flowers bloom again in Kashmiri lake after three decades. Wular Lake once supported 5,000 people who harvested the plant's edible roots, until the lake silted up after floods. Now the lotuses are back. [Read more ...](#)

'Little England' no more: what I learned on my first trip to the Caribbean. From stilt-walking to queer inclusion, I came for Crop Over but left Barbados with a powerful education in the island's heritage, history and future. [Read more ...](#)

Things to do ...

Saturday 9th August 10am to 6pm at Exeter Castle *Love Local Food Festival*: family-friendly event hosted by Greendale. [Details ...](#)

Sculpture Walk: The University of Exeter's beautiful Streatham Campus. [Details ...](#)

Topics discussed at Thursday's World at Lunch

I'm no terrorist, says former magistrate facing six months in prison. Deborah Hinton, arrested for supporting Palestine Action group, says she would go to prison for the right to protest. [Read more ...](#)

The camel milk revolution is improving nutrition and creating jobs for this African nation. A camel milk yogurt factory has even been built. [Read more ...](#)

Little Victories: We tend to confine our parties to milestones and cultural events, but there are countless micro-occasions worthy of commemorating. [Read more ...](#)

Slavery and two Ottery St Mary families. [Read more ...](#)

Two Devon families in Jamaica: a local association with slavery: the Glanville family of Ottery St Mary and the Davy family of Countess Wear. [Read more ...](#)

Local News ...

'Seaweed Eating Archive' aims to document the different ways in which people relate to seaweeds as food in Cornwall, by crowd-sourcing stories, recipes, memories and other accounts of everyday seaweed consumption. [Read more ...](#)

Exeter will mark the 80th anniversary of Victory in Japan (VJ) Day on Friday 15 August with a special ceremony at the War Memorial in Northernhay Gardens. [Read more ...](#)

A project to create rugby-themed crochet pieces for a display ahead of this year's Women's Rugby World Cup 2025 ... the display is being held at Exeter's historic Guildhall on Wednesday 27 August to celebrate the global sporting event coming to the city. [Read more ...](#)

Conservation should focus on protecting natural "processes" – not just specific species, researchers say. [Read more ...](#)

Campaign Updates:

CND: No child should go through what I went through. Testimony from ... Kyoko Gibson is a second generation Hibakusha, born three years after the horrific atomic bombing of that city. [Read more ...](#)

Amnesty UK: One year on: Nurse speaks out against racial violence in Northern Ireland. [Watch ...](#)