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Climate Crisis – Climate Justice

‘Climate change is here’: Experts warn environmental crisis is decades ahead of forecasts. Drought, heatwaves, hurricanes, and wildfires are arriving sooner than we imagined according to scientists.

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“It’s a new energy source” — Japan lifts a wind turbine wall above the ocean and triples power output.

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Nature loss is a national security risk, intelligence group warns. [Read more ...](#)

Schools, airports, high-rise towers: architects urged to get ‘bamboo-ready’. Manual for building design aims to encourage low-carbon construction as alternative to steel and concrete. [Read more ...](#)

Other News

Greenland’s strategic position in seven maps: Why Trump wants the island. The world’s largest island sits in the Arctic Circle and is strategically and economically valuable. [Read more ...](#)

The revolutionary women of Rojava are in grave danger. That has consequences for us all. For a decade, the autonomous territory in Syria has been a bastion of gender equality. It holds important lessons for the fight against authoritarianism. [Read more ...](#)

ActionAid to rethink child sponsorship as part of plan to ‘decolonise’ its work. Development charity’s new co-chief executives signal shift from controversial sponsor a child scheme launched in 1972 to long-term grassroots funding. [Read more ...](#)

Israel bulldozes UNRWA buildings in occupied East Jerusalem. The destruction comes as Israel clamps down on NGOs providing humanitarian aid to Palestinians in Gaza. [Read more ...](#)

Watch and listen ...

BBC Radio 3: *The Music Man for Africa* - Leo Sarkisian (1921-2018), musicologist, musician, raconteur and radio man. [Listen ...](#)

BBC 1: Countryfile: Exe Estuary – a landscape so rich in beauty and natural resources that it draws people and wildlife to it all year round. [Watch ...](#)

Channel 4: First global treaty protecting marine biodiversity comes into force – why is it important? [Watch ...](#)

Topics discussed at Thursday's World at Lunch

This week's session was given to a discussion of personal experiences of voluntary service in Africa, particularly Malawi.

<https://www.britannica.com/place/Malawi>

US Peace Corps <https://www.peacecorps.gov/>

Voluntary Service Overseas (UK) <https://www.vsointernational.org/about-vso>

Canadian University Service Overseas <https://cusointernational.org/about-us/>

Local News ...

Books know no bounds as Exeter championed at international festival. [Read more ...](#)

Cross-sector campaign launched to promote nature-positive products in the beauty industry.

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Things to do ...

Cracks in the vitrine: Conversations on race, coloniality and heritage. Four **online** seminars highlighting emerging PhD research in dialogue with guest speakers, offering opportunities to explore new ideas, debate approaches, and engage with innovative work on race, coloniality, and heritage. [Details ...](#)

Books ...

The Crown's Silence: The Hidden History of Slavery and the British Monarchy by Brooke Newman.

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Campaigns ...

Everyday Plastic: The Big Plastic Count. [Details ...](#)

Climate Coalition: Show the Love 2026: why it matters and how you can take part. [Details ...](#)

Campaign Updates ...

Safe Passage: From Gaza to safety: Amira's story. [Read more ...](#)

Debt Justice: Davos and the debt billionaires. [Read more ...](#)

Christian Aid: Counting the Cost 2025: A year of climate breakdown. [Read more ...](#)