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Climate Crisis – Climate Justice

First there were coalmines, then came the windfarms. Why Colombia's Wayúu people fear Colombia's green energy boom. In the country's north, mining has ravaged Indigenous lands and lives for decades. Is history repeating itself as renewable energy schemes arrive on their doorstep? [Read more ...](#)

Record number of dams dismantled in Europe in effort to help wildlife thrive. Weirs, culverts and sluices among 602 barriers demolished in year in attempt to restore 15,500 miles of rivers by 2030. [Read more ...](#)

UN adopts resolution supporting international court's climate ruling. 141 UN member states voted in support of the ICJ's finding climate change is an 'existential threat'. [Read more ...](#)

How the climate crisis brutally compromises aid to Tanzania: 'It impacts everything'. From health and nutrition to agriculture and infrastructure, nearly every aspect of daily life is being hit by climate change in rural Tanzania. Nick Ferris visits an area programme run by the NGO World Vision to see how aid groups are responding. [Read more ...](#)

Other News

The untold mental trauma of living through the Malian war. [Read more ...](#)

Mauritania's female Islamic guides: Leading the fight against 'extremism'. The fight against radicalisation in Mauritania advances through faith and community outreach by female Islamic guides. [Read more ...](#)

From the Nakba to Gaza's ruins: One man's lifetime of displacement. Nakba survivor in Gaza recounts displacement after 1948 and 2023 and his unwavering attachment to his homeland. [Read more ...](#)

Selling children to survive: Afghan fathers forced to make impossible choices. [Read more ...](#)

Local news ...

Devon communities rally to save River Exe. [Read more ...](#)

Nature Challenge logs 89 species previously never recorded in Exeter. [Read more ...](#)

Climate change drives 'emptying' of rural Bhutan. The mountain kingdom is the world's first carbon-negative country – through exporting zero-carbon hydro-power energy. But it is disproportionately affected by climate change, including rising temperatures, shifting rainfall patterns and glaciers retreating. [Read more ...](#)

Topics discussed at Thursday's World at Lunch

Cherokee words of the week: I love you [Watch ...](#) Hello [Watch ...](#)

From Blair to Burnham, jogging as political metaphor has just run and run. The mayor of Greater Manchester is the latest in a long line of politicians to try to show he's on the right track [Read more ...](#)

Men in the mirror: Trump and Xi's suits put 'chameleon effect' to test in Beijing. Mirroring of each other's attire may signal alignment – though the look wasn't a huge departure for either leader. [Read more ...](#)

What Happened to Lucille Ball's Stolen 40-Carat Engagement Ring? The legendary comic actress eloped with Desi Arnaz in 1940. [Read more ...](#)

Juries must be allowed to follow their conscience. In 1670 a group of jurors who defied a judge helped establish the independence of the jury – but the Palestine Action trials suggest that is now under threat. [Read more ...](#)

The nation holding back the sea. A Pacific island nation on the front line of the climate change threat is building land to try to hold back rising sea levels. But as the majority of Tuvalu's population applies to relocate to Australia, a haunting question is being confronted: what happens to a country if the people have to leave? [Read more ...](#)

Temperature Check: Danny Chivers on how cities are saying no to fossil-fuel advertising. [Read more ...](#)
Badverts campaign. [Watch ...](#)

Things to do ...

Saturday 30th May 10:00am to 5pm *Exeter Morris 75th Anniversary Day of Dance.* [Details ...](#)

Friday 10th July – Friday 6th November Enjoy five consecutive classical concerts in the stunning setting of St Michael's, Mount Dinham in Exeter. [Details ...](#)

Books ...

Smallie by Eden McKenzie-Goddard – the stories behind the Windrush scandal. In this warm and tender debut, the family of Barbados-born Lucinda must try to document her decades in Britain after the Home Office threatens her with deportation. [Review ...](#)

Campaign Updates ...

Medical Aid for Palestinians: "My entire life is filled with stories of displacement and uprooting" – 78 years of ongoing Nakba. [Read more ...](#)