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Climate Crisis – Climate Justice

The household battery revolution that could change energy bills ... and the world. Australia is pioneering a revolution in home renewables and battery use, proving what is possible with the right policies.

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Africa has been managing climate volatility for decades – what the rest of the world can learn from it.

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UK's growing green economy worth more than £100bn a year, research finds. Net zero industry accounts for more than a million jobs and benefits whole country, according to CBI Economics. [Read more ...](#)

Other News

A disease of deforestation: how Ebola is linked to the smartphone in your pocket. As demand for cobalt, gold and other minerals grows, mining is accelerating deforestation in the Congo basin – and increasing the risk of deadly Ebola outbreaks. [Read more ...](#)

UN warns of record hunger, 45 million more at risk, if Iran war continues. The Middle East conflict risks adding a staggering 45 million to acute hunger levels, warns the UN's World Food Programme.

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UK stole 25m years of life and labour through slavery in Barbados, says report. Experts put estimate for economic harm done by 200 years of chattel slavery at \$2tn, but stress this is 'not an invoice'.

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Greater Israel: the origins of the settler movement now threatening to annexe the West Bank.

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How Nigeria's 'algorithmic apothecary' fuels a surge in risky herbal cures. Unverified herbal remedies promoted on social media are driving rising health risks and delayed treatment in Nigeria. [Read more ...](#)

Local news ...

Tregothnan Tea has been awarded the 2026 Duke of Cornwall's Award at the Royal Cornwall Show, recognising excellence in sustainable farming and land management. [Read more ...](#)

Lord Mayor of Exeter's Commendation Awards. [Read more ...](#)

Measuring light shows Gaza's economy collapsed by 75% ... 67.9% of the built environment had been destroyed. [Read more ...](#)

Topics discussed at Thursday's World at Lunch

Happy the elephant dies aged 55 after being euthanized at New York zoo. Happy was the focus of a high-profile court case launched in 2018 over whether she had the legal rights of a person. [Read more ...](#)

New charter gives River Wye the right to be free from pollution. [Read more ...](#)

How China's threat to Taiwan is redefining East Asian geopolitics. Old adversaries Japan and the Philippines are forging closer military ties as Chinese desire to annex Taiwan is seen as a threat to the entire South China Sea. [Read more ...](#)

How Britain became Europe's solar sink. The interconnector flows reshaping UK electricity prices. [Read more ...](#)

UN backs historic climate crisis ruling, despite US attempts to stop resolution. The US, Russia, Iran and Saudi Arabia – some of the highest oil-producing nations and major greenhouse gas emitters – opposed the measure. [Read more ...](#)

A Violent Education: We look at an extraordinary investigation into police officers in Texas schools. [Read more ...](#)

Watch and listen ...

Radio 4: In Our Time: Indian Indentured Labour ... after the abolition of slavery in the British Empire in 1833, sugar planters recruited workers from India to replace or compete with their formerly enslaved labourers [Listen ...](#)

Channel 4: Gaza's children on the scars of war and hopes for the future. [Watch ...](#)

Campaigns ...

38Degrees: Honour Promises Made to Windrush Generations. [Petition ...](#)

Avaaz: End the mineral sacrifice zones ... support the UN proposal for a Global Minerals Trust to end child labour in mining. [Petition ...](#)

Campaign Updates ...

Practical Action: Record-breaking temperatures highlight growing need for help with living in extreme heat. [Read more ...](#)

EAPPI: EAs continue to accompany communities virtually amidst record settler violence. [Read more ...](#)

War on Want: Who pays the price of extraction? Across Latin America and beyond, whole areas are being treated as disposable by big corporations and the super-rich. [Read more ...](#)