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Climate Crisis – Climate Justice

Italy could be the next country to build a solar railway after Switzerland's successful trial. [Read more ...](#)

'We won't give up, we'll keep fighting': activists in Colombia vow to resist far-right push for fossil fuels. As the newly elected president, Abelardo de la Espriella, pledges to exploit oil reserves, environmentalists prepare to defend climate progress. [Read more ...](#)

Scientist dubbed The Bogfather is restoring peatland to fight climate change. [Read more ...](#)

Stymied datacentre projects threaten global AI revolution. Large-scale datacentre projects around the world are being challenged or cancelled, as infrastructure's energy demands ramp up. [Read more ...](#)

Other News

Waiting for Moses: Africa's sons in Russia's war. Russia's war in Ukraine is leaving African families to count the cost. [Read more ..](#)

Thirty-two years on, young Rwandans reflect on progress, pain and hope. For many young Rwandans, Liberation Day is as much about the future as the past. [Read more ...](#)

Childhood on hold: How Gaza's children spend a summer without play. Gaza mothers describe a third wartime summer where children carry adult burdens, deprived of play and art. [Read more ...](#)

'Women were currency': How reparatory justice is spotlighting gender-based violence ... placing Black women and girls at the forefront, celebrating the Manchester experience through Vimto and preserving Gullah Geechee land. [Read more ...](#)

Local news ...

Lord Mayor of Exeter: my reflections on the first month in office. [Read more ...](#)

UK faces 'highly concerning' wildfire risk this weekend – Exeter experts comment on heatwave. [Read more ...](#)

Village facing 'existential' threat from climate change ... In Torcross, a £20m sea defence scheme is planned amid warnings the Devon village faces an "existential" threat from the sea. [Read more ...](#)

Watch and listen ...

BBC Radio 4: Thinking Allowed - Strikes, Solidarity and South Asian Britain. [Listen ...](#)

Topics discussed at Thursday's World at Lunch

From 'heat panic' to 'sacrificed at the altar': Europe's air conditioning culture wars heat up. Cooling down has become political amid record highs, as experts say row is distracting from work of protecting lives.

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Ohio Department of Health ... is urging Ohioans to take extra precautions when handling fruits and vegetables to help prevent cyclosporiasis. [Read more ...](#)

The 'Burnham bacc': can Manchester's school experiment stop teenagers dropping out? The Greater Manchester Baccalaureate, introduced by Andy Burnham, could be rolled out across the country in 'complete rethink' of education proposed by probable next PM. [Read more ...](#)

'I presumed kids' books were written by people who were white and dead': new children's laureate Patrice Lawrence. The author of Orangeboy, Indigo Donut and Is That Your Mama? plans to use her two-year term to ensure children isolated from reading get involved. [Read more ...](#)

How radical Victorian nuns pioneered education for poor girls. [Read more ...](#)

Websites...

Heat Strike ... coalition of climate groups and unions ... put pressure on politicians and work places to protect the lives of workers and vulnerable people in the face of extreme heat.

<https://heatstrike.uk/>

Campaigns ...

Greenpeace: President Trump has signed an executive order paving the way for corporations to mine the floor of the Pacific Ocean. [Petition ...](#)

Campaign Updates ...

Fairtrade Foundation: Meet Dora Atiga: Cocoa Farmer, Teacher, Mother, and Changemaker.

[Read more ...](#)

Fairtrade Foundation: What Is Lab-Grown Chocolate and How Will It Affect Cocoa Farmers? [Read more ...](#)

Fairtrade Foundation: Fair on the Planet: The Future of Your Morning Brew. [Watch ...](#)

Greenpeace: Impact report 2025 a year of courage and resistance. [Read ...](#)

Medical Aid for Palestinians: Gaza healthcare workers: Two women who refused to leave. [Read more ...](#)

Debt Justice: Debt vultures drop Ethiopia legal threat. [Read more ...](#)