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Climate Crisis – Climate Justice

Legal logging and soaring saplings: the 'green islands' bucking the deforestation trend in central America. In Guatemala's Maya biosphere reserve local people are making a living from trees at the same time as increasing forest cover, showing nature is best protected by those who depend on it. [Read more ...](#)

'It will get worse': World's second-coldest capital faces record heat ... Summer in Astana is only halfway through, yet residents of the Kazakh capital have already endured two record-breaking heatwaves. [Read more ...](#)

Going with the flow: Renewable energy battery breakthrough. A 3D-printed battery developed at Queen's University Belfast could "make a genuine impact" on the road to net zero ... [Read more ...](#)

Farmer warns risk of UK drought may force him to stop growing vegetables. As large parts of the country face drought, farmers have warned the industry 'can't carry on like this. [Read more ...](#)

Other News

Gaza's shelter crisis. The Gaza Strip faces a deepening housing crisis as more than 92 percent of homes have been damaged or destroyed by Israel's war. [Read more ...](#)

'I fell in love with the art of coffee-making': the female baristas shaking up Somalia's booming cafe scene. As fear and fighting ease in Mogadishu, coffee shops have become catalysts for change, bringing jobs for women and creating much-needed social spaces. [Read more ...](#)

Mandela Day: What his legacy means in today's South Africa. As South Africa grapples with inequality and division, Mandela Day has taken on new political significance. [Read more ...](#)

'He became a sensation': Manchester pays tribute to abolitionist Frederick Douglass. Annual lectures will discuss work of writer and campaigner who 'revitalised the anti-slavery cause' in Britain. [Read more ...](#)

Local news ...

Stover Country Park and the Grand Western Canal Country Park have, once again, been named as two of the best parks in the country after receiving this year's Green Flag Award. [Read more ...](#)

Moor Trees celebrate 12 months of rainforest restoration. [Read more ...](#)

Ukrainian student develops new way to observe cells, now used in disease research. [Read more ...](#)

New resources to support the teaching of creativity in schools. [Read more ...](#)

Topics discussed at Thursday's World at Lunch

Latvia calls for more troops on Nato's exposed eastern front. Escalation of Moscow's rhetoric and ongoing 'hybrid' attacks have left Baltic states somewhere between war and peace. [Read more ...](#)

John Esposito, scholar who fought against misconceptions of Islam, dies. [Read more ...](#)

Women across U.S. report disturbing pattern inside Dollar Tree stores ... allegations that women in multiple states have been targeted by men accused of lewd behavior. [Read more ...](#)

Spain and Gibraltar celebrate as border fence falls after signing of 'historic deal'. Treaty came into effect at midnight, eliminating border controls on land frontier with British overseas territory. [Read more ...](#)

Things to do ...

Saturday 19th September *Salmon Run* A day-long celebration of the River Exe involving community, learning and running. [Details ...](#)

Books ...

Unparalleled Catastrophe Life and Death in the Third Nuclear Age by Rhys Crilley. [Details ...](#)

Campaigns ...

Greenpeace: King Charles: Stop Profiting At Britain's Expense! The Crown Estate ... is charging offshore wind developers extortionate fees to build turbines. [Petition ...](#)

Campaign Updates ...

Practical Action: Big change starts with a small flock. [Read more ...](#)

EAPPI: It's about refusing to look away": An Ecumenical Accompanier's testimony from occupied Palestine. [Read more ...](#)