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Climate Crisis – Climate Justice

Revealed: VW, Ford and Tesla batteries linked to destructive deforestation of indigenous lands Mines in supply chains of western carmakers linked to widespread deforestation of primary rainforest in nickel-rich lands inhabited by Tolaki people in Indonesia. Read more …

Four years after the promises of Cop15, our biodiversity targets are slipping away.The world pledged to halt biodiversity loss by 2030, but as Cop17 delegates meet in Armenia next week the outlook is bleak and optimism has faded. Read more …

Indonesia to try dousing skies with dry ice in radical attempt to tackle haze. Indonesian government faces backlash for delay in battling haze and fires. Read more …

How drones are hunting fires hidden beneath the Cairngorms … Three months after the fire first ignited, heat is still being detected beneath the ground. Read more …

The island where locals say data centres are taking their water … residents on the Indonesian island of Batam … were furious that the taps at home had run dry … Read more …

Articles

Jonathan Glazer says Israel's retaliation over NAZA 'more venal' than anticipated. Film's executive producer says he was 'shocked into silence' the first time he watched documentary that details Israel's mass killing of civilians in Gaza. Read more …

Which countries waste the most food, and how to reduce waste at home. This World Food Day, 645 million people are going hungry, yet more than a billion tonnes of food is wasted annually. Read more …

I went to a Jamaican Patois class. Why was I so scared to speak it? Centuries of historical baggage surrounds this form of speech. But I'm vowing to overcome shame and connect with this part of my culture. Read more …

Local News …

Beyond national parks: researchers explore a broader future for conservation. As governments prepare to gather in Armenia for the UN biodiversity summit, researchers are highlighting a conservation approach that recognises places where nature thrives beyond conventional protected areas. Read more …

Devon Music Education Hub Celebrates National Award Recognition. The Hub, which supports thousands of children and young people across Devon, Plymouth, and Torbay to access high-quality music education opportunities … Read more …

World at Lunch …

A working dog from the Scottish Highlands has been named animal of the year by a charity for hunting down an invasive marine creature called the carpet sea squirt. Read more …

Driven to Leave Home by Desperation. Driven Back by Hate … Tens of thousands of Malawians have fled back home from South Africa Read more …

'Medieval' and 'disturbing': US plan to livestream execution elicits global condemnation. Pentagon said execution of Nidal Malik Hasan, who killed 13 people at Fort Hood in 2009, would be broadcast live. Read more …
'Polite' Christa Pike tried to help executioners before bungled lethal injections, lawyer claims. Read more …

Death of evicted woman, 87, is a tragic parable of Spain's housing crisis. 'Vulture funds', corruption, immigration and tourism are being blamed for putting homes out of reach for ordinary people. Read more …

Navi Pillay's Nobel Peace Prize is an example of how international law trumps the law of the jungle. Read more …

Shabana Basij-Rasikh is a leading advocate for girls' education in Afghanistan. In 2001, when she was still a teenager, she co-founded a boarding school in Kabul called the School of Leadership (SOLA) to enable girls to learn. Listen … (at about 28 minutes)

Things to do …
Friday 23rd October 11:30am to 12:30pm *Earth System Science for a Resilient Nation and World* talk by Dr Everette Joseph (U.S. National Science Foundation National Center for Atmospheric Research Director) organised by Global System Institute. To attend online via Zoom, please email infoGSI@exeter.ac.uk.

Saturday 8th November 3.00pm to 4.30 pm *Building an Interfaith Community* talk by Arezoo Farahzad organised by Devon Faith and Belief Forum invites you to an Interfaith Week 2025 event. Free admission and refreshments (no booking necessary) – see attached poster.
Venue: St Stephen's Church, High Street Exeter

Campaigns:
Everyday Plastic: Coca-Cola: Prioritise Refillable Bottles to Tackle Plastic Pollution - the company's plastic packaging use has grown by more than 20% over the past 5 years. Petition …