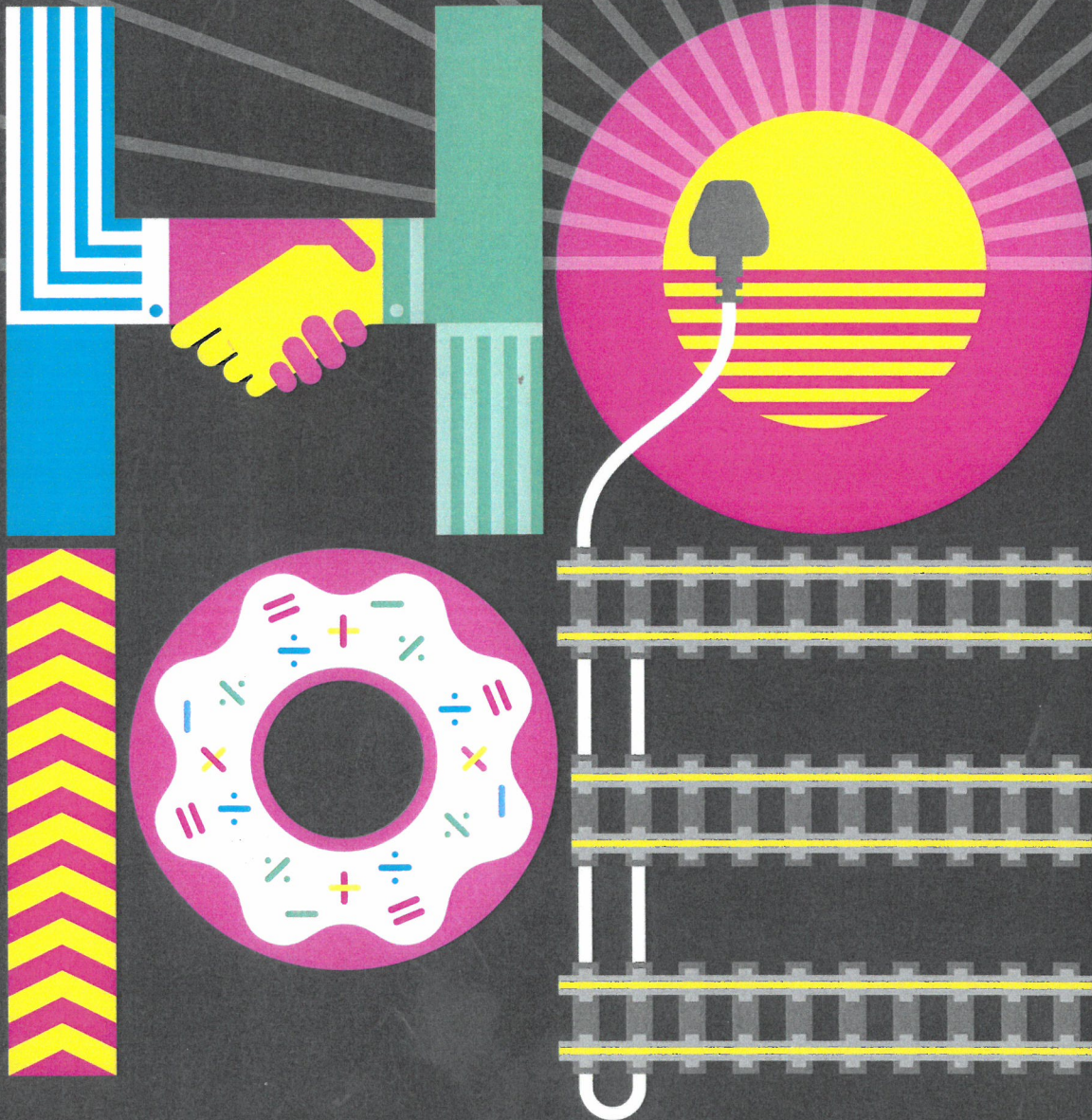


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## Greta Thunberg

The climate activist who needs no introduction, Thunberg was recently nominated for a Nobel peace prize for putting the climate emergency on the political agenda and inspiring the global student strikes. She sailed across the Atlantic twice to attend climate summits and recently turned down a prestigious environmental reward (and £40,000),

claiming the “climate movement does not need any more awards”. Expect to hear a lot more from her in 2020. ➔

- Nominated by Evelyn Laurie, Frances O'Donnell and Oliver Seligmen

Climate action



## 53 Sir David Attenborough

Another figure whose name speaks for itself, Sir David is a bona fide national treasure. Footage he narrated in Blue Planet II of turtles battling plastic bags has been widely credited with helping dramatically shift public opinion on the issue. At 93, he is still going strong, with an Attenborough-fronted documentary, titled Extinction: The Facts, scheduled in 2020, alongside a new series, Life in Colour, due in 2021.

Quality education



## 54 Lucy Hughes: MarinaTex

Lucy Hughes's final university project ended up landing her £30,000 and a Dyson Award. MarinaTex, which Hughes created as part of her product design degree at University of Sussex, is a bioplastic material with the potential to replace single-use plastics in packaging. It is made from waste fish skin and red algae, making it fully compostable and able to degrade in soil within six weeks.

Responsible consumption and production



## 55 Matthew Willer and the Papillon Project

Horticulturalist Matthew Willer is passionate about getting young people to grow their own food. A history teacher in a school in Norfolk, Willer leads the Papillon Project, which works with schools to create allotments for pupils. “I wanted children to feel valued and I wanted them to feel that they had done something for their school, which they could see and they could touch and they could be part of,” said Willer.

Sustainable cities and communities



Life on land



## 56 London Borough of Waltham Forest

Some 13.7 miles of segregated cycle lanes, 700 trees planted and cycle training for 15,000 residents; the Enjoy Waltham Forest project has created a ‘mini-Holland’ during the past five years, bagging it the 2019 Ashden Award for clean air in towns and cities. Various events are planned to encourage more people to get on their bikes. “What’s happening here is a model for the rest of the UK’s urban areas,” said Paul Gasson from Waltham Forest Cycling Campaign.



Good health and wellbeing



Sustainable cities and communities

