

Television tour of residents

THE sharp contrast between rich and poor residents in the city will be the focus of the final episode of a TV series on poverty.

Activist and prize-winning author Darren McGarvey takes a tour of Scotland in his six-part series on BBC Scotland.

The sixth part of the series, which will focus on the Granite City, will be aired at 10pm on Tuesday.

He said: "Four years ago oil-rich Aberdonians earned the highest salaries in Scotland, coming second only to London in their pay packet.

"Today it's a different picture. Welfare reforms, wages stagnation and a lack of affordable housing have created a perfect storm of adversity."

During the episode Darren sits down for a chat in the city centre with a homeless man and he also speaks to Polish-born Daniel, who arrived during the oil boom years but has latterly been diagnosed with a crippling illness and now struggles to access key benefits.