

LOKI THE SCOTTISH RAPPER

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Human faces of poverty

AFTER many months of preparation and a very challenging filming schedule, I am thrilled to say that my documentary series for the new [BBC Scotland](#) channel is finally finished.

In it, I travel to six different Scottish locations to examine a specific aspect of poverty. Despite the modest budget and small team, we attempted something rather ambitious - to wipe the memory of poverty porn disasters like *The Scheme* and *Benefits Street* from the public mind.

We explore themes of health, life-expectancy, aspiration, drugs, food poverty and gender through the lens of poverty. And we do not pull any punches when challenging those in power.

What I hope really shines through is the intention and spirit of the programme to show more than deprivation or dysfunction and to draw attention to the broader political and economic context in which much of it is found.

No doubt, this will irritate, anger or challenge some people - which is precisely the point.



AT WORK Darren during filming of new BBC documentary series