



CREATING CHANGE:

EDUCATING Yorkshire

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Twelve years since the nation fell for Educating Yorkshire, Dewsbury's Thornhill Community Academy reopened its doors, telling a powerful story of modern Britain through the eyes of one school.

The series reached 8.7m viewers across streaming and linear within 28 days. Viewers praised students for their bravery and openness and reported greater admiration for teachers.

Inspiring a new generation

The series not only sparked important conversations but inspired viewers, especially younger viewers, to consider a career in education or in youth work.

8 in 10 (81%)

viewers felt that programmes like this are important in providing hope and reassurance to other parents or students going through similar situations (rising to 90% for 16-34s).

8 in 10 (77%)

viewers said they have an increased admiration towards teachers after watching Educating Yorkshire.

3 in 10 (28%)

viewers aged 16-34 said the series inspired them to consider a career in education or youth work.

Challenging with purpose

Channel 4 is committed to engage mass audiences while challenging them to think, feel and do things differently – and Educating Yorkshire reinforced this reputation.

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viewers agreed Channel 4 sometimes challenges them to see the world in a different light.

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I learned that behind every student there is a complex story that deserves to be heard. The series taught me how empathy and emotional support can transform lives within the classroom.”

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Channel 4 'Educating Yorkshire' Social Impact Study based on 274 viewers of the programme via a bespoke online study.