

The Third Degree: Professor Danny Dorling



Danny grew up in Oxford then went to the University of Newcastle upon Tyne. He has also taught in Bristol and Leeds and has spent a little time working in playgroups and playschemes. With a group of colleagues he helped create the website www.worldmapper.org which shows who has most and least in the world. His recent books include, (With Bethan Thomas in 2007), 'Identity in Britain: A cradle-to-grave atlas', (With Anna Barford and Mark Newman in 2008), "The Atlas of the Real World: Mapping the way we live". And, on his own (in 2010), 'Injustice: why social inequalities persist'. His next book, 'So you think you know about Britain?' is due out in March.

What's the best bit of advice you've ever received?

'Never be too proud to miss a meeting'

Who or what inspires you?

People who care

What makes you get out of bed in the morning?

The four year old

What's your favourite comfort food?

Cheese and pickle sandwich (at midnight)

What do you do to unwind or relax?

Build sandcastles

What was the last thing that made you laugh?

Frankie Boyle

What was the last thing that made you swear?

Nick Clegg

What would you never eat or drink?

Beetroot

Who would you invite to a fantasy dinner party?

Floella Benjamin

What would you never be without?

My watch

Favourite song or piece of music?

Adam's lullaby (Brick Lane film sound track)

Where's been your best holiday destination?

White Sands Bay (South West Wales)

What's your party trick?

Remaining upright

What information about Sheffield would you want to tell a visitor?

It has the fewest private schools of any large city in Britain

What's been your biggest fashion mistake?

I am a fashion mistake

If you had absolute power, what would you change?

Presumptions of superiority

What irritates you?

Lying

What qualities do you admire in others?

Comic timing

What was your favourite childhood programme?

Playschool

Tell us something that not many people know about you.

That would be telling

Who would you least like to be stuck on the Arts Tower paternoster with?

The person whose meeting I'm missing