



49 up



49 Up is the latest instalment of Granada's landmark series about a group of people whose lives have been documented since they were seven. Where are they and what are they doing as they approach their half century?

The original 7 UP was broadcast in 1964 and featured children who were selected from different backgrounds and social spheres to talk about their hopes and dreams for the future. Inspired by the saying: "Give me the child until he is seven and I will show you the man" the documentary set out to discover whether or not the children's lives were pre-determined by their background.

Tony

Eastender Tony told 7 UP about his ambitions to be a jockey. He became a jockey but gave it up to become a cabbie. In 42 UP he proudly shows off his family's new home and talks about his show business ambitions. **49 UP** discovers what has happened in the last seven years.

Jackie

Jackie married in her early twenties, divorced at 35, and in 42 UP was living with her three boys in a council flat near Glasgow. In **49 UP** she talks about her love for Scotland and how her community reminds her of the East End where she grew up.

Sue

In 42 UP, Sue was a single mum with a son and daughter. She spoke of her life and the fulfilment she got from her children and revealed she had met a new man, but said, 'it's early days yet.' **49 UP** finds out what happened.

Bruce

Public schoolboy Bruce graduated from Oxford and went on to teach in Bangladesh. In 42 UP Bruce married another teacher and talks about having a family. Are their hopes realised when **49 UP** visits them?

Paul

Paul lived in a children's home as a seven year old and later emigrated to Australia in his early teens. He now has a wife and children of his own and in **49 UP** talks proudly of his daughter Katy, the first member of his family to go to university.

Suzu

In 42 UP, Suzu revealed that she had problems getting along with one of her three children and she spoke about the difficulties in her own childhood. Is she getting on better with her children now?

Nick

When Nick was seven, he wanted to learn about the moon and didn't want to talk about girls. In 35 UP he was married and professor of physics at a US University. **49 UP** finds out where he is now.

Lynn

In 7 UP, Lynn said she wanted to work in Woolworths when she grew up. She actually went to work in a library and at 42 UP was still there after 30 years. But in **49 UP**, her job as a children's librarian could soon be abolished.

Simon

Simon, who lived in the same children's home as Paul as a child, is back in 49 UP with a touching update on his life. In 42 UP, Simon had a new wife and four year old son, but his children from his first marriage refused to see him. Have things changed?

Andrew

In 42 UP, Andrew had been happily married to Jane for over 15 years. Andrew was a partner at a firm of solicitors and the couple had two sons. **49 UP** discovers what the family are doing now.

John

Last time the series saw John he had recently become a barrister after studying Law at Oxford and had decided to stop taking part in the films. In **49 UP**, John reveals why he has decided to come back to the series.

Neil

Neil appeared as a happy child in 7 UP, but was wandering lonely and homeless in the highlands at 28. Rediscovered working as a Liberal Democrat councillor in Hackney at the age of 42, has he at 49 managed to win a seat in parliament, have a roof over his head, met anyone



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Directed by Michael Apted

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**Director Michael Apted
on the UP series:**

The early UP films "...had a sly ingenuous surface, the charming and amusing thoughts of a group of 7 year olds ruminating on sex, money, school, race, love, mum and dad, the future and each other."

"The velvet glove of the early films hid a fierce indictment of the British class system but as the series got older it changed. It became less about a system and more about the drama of everyday life - marriage, children, holding down jobs, success, failure, love and loss; things we all relate to. Those in it have become part of the culture, a piece of all our lives."

Producer Claire Lewis says:

"The fascination with the group is that they are ordinary people living real lives. Every seven years we get a snapshot of their lives and of Britain.

The issues the programme raises about class and privilege are as relevant today as they were 42 years ago."

The 7 up series



21 UP

On the verge of adulthood, the original fourteen children are tracked down and interviewed. Some are at university, others are working. At 21 they stand on a threshold, there is still optimism and opportunity before them. ©1977 (101 minutes)

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28 UP

Life reveals surprises and disappointments for each of the group. This program became one of the most watched and talked about documentaries of the decade. It was a magic mirror in reverse.

©1984 (136 minutes)

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35 UP

Now adults aged 35, the same group of people are once again put under the microscope of the camera as Michael Apted continues his searching investigation of the child becoming adult. Have their lives been affected by so much media exposure? ©1991 (116 minutes)

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7 UP

Fourteen bright eyed children, full of promise and from all social stratas talk about their hopes and fears for the future and give their opinions on education and money, love and marriage, colour prejudice and work.

©1964 (31 minutes)

7 Plus 7

As teenagers, the group talked again to the Granada team and revealed how much - and how little - their ideas had changed and talk about the paths their lives may take.

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