

A FILM BY
DARREN HUTCHINSON

NARRATED BY
RETHABILE RATSIU

RETHABILE'S STORY

A SHORT FILM ON THE LESOTHO GARMENT FACTORIES



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SYNOPSIS

In the garment factories of Maseru, Lesotho, the workers make clothes to be sold in the United States. What is day-to-day life like in the factories?

Let ex-factory worker Rethabile take you to the places she used to work, meet her friends, and share her experience in the Decent Work Regulation project.

This is Rethabile's Story.



CREDITS

Director, Writer & Producer
Darren Hutchinson

Key Cast
Rethabile Ratsiu

Editor
Ian Denno

Executive Producer
Deirdre McCann

SPECIFICATIONS

Film Type
Documentary, Short

Runtime
25 minutes 20 seconds

Completion Date
25 February 2019

Country of Filming
Lesotho

Film Language
English, Sesotho (with subtitles)

Shooting Format
Digital HD 1920x1080

Aspect Ratio
16:9

Film Colour
Colour

ABOUT DARREN HUTCHINSON



Darren Hutchinson has been producing and directing film projects for twenty years and owns the Dreamscope TV brand. With over 1000 hours of broadcast TV credits to his name he is a seasoned film maker and 360 motion specialist, and regularly travels the world filming for organisations big and small. He is a family man who has an interest in nature, travel and creating positive projects that aim to help our vulnerable people and wildlife.

DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT

Creating this ambitious film was a huge privilege and I was honoured when the University of Durham trusted me with the project.

It was always my intention to understand the real problems surrounding the textile industry in Lesotho and South Africa, rather than arrive with a pre-conceived idea of how the documentary would look.

I wanted real stories to guide the narrative so that the viewer can experience the true issues facing people on a daily basis and I believe this film has achieved that.

It is my hope that Rethabile's Story will help change attitudes towards budget clothing and the cheap labour used to produce it.

Darren Hutchinson

ABOUT RETHABILE RATSIU



Rethabile Ratsiu is a former factory worker and current union organiser at the United Textile Employees (UNITE), a trade union representing workers in the textile, garment, and leather industry in Lesotho. She is a member of the Durham University UK project on Decent Work Regulation in Africa.

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