

Armed Response DNB – Best Specialist Programming (Subcity Radio)

About the show-

As we prepare to enter our fourth year of broadcasting Armed Response DNB, we're proud that we've been nominated for this award. We feel that our show represents the best drum n' bass music available, from the best artists and producers in the scene. Unlike to other shows which broadcast drum n' bass on Subcity Radio, we have unparalleled access to unreleased music ("dubs") from top producers in the UK and beyond, allowing us to broadcast exclusive content months ahead of general release. Our standing within the Scottish drum n' bass scene also allows us to invite the best producers and DJs to the show to talk about their music and perform guest mixes. On Subcity Radio we are the only show dedicated 100% to drum n' bass and to the Scottish scene, and have been since we started broadcasting in 2005.

Producing the show-

Armed Response DNB is hosted informally, the emphasis being on the music rather than on links, advertising, or general chat. The only aspect of hosting which is done formally each week is the rundown of drum n' bass events happening that week, and the repeated identification of the show and station. Drum n' bass music is about flow, progression and building atmosphere – anyone who has experienced the feeling that a wicked drum n' bass bassline evokes understands this – so we keep quiet and focus on the music. Our passion for drum n' bass is clear from the sometimes frenetic hosting, often after a track builds up and "drops" - it might sound like we're crazy, but that's the effect our music has on us. Armed Response DNB includes MCs Troubla and AC on lyrical support. MCs are a crucial part of drum n' bass culture and we have been happy to have them on board for the past year.

The music –

I have amassed a huge collection of drum n' bass vinyl over the last 11 years since I got my first set of decks, much of it rare and now unavailable. There are some records in my collection that have taken me literally years to source, and it gives me great pleasure to play them on the show. D-fade is similar, with a very large collection of drum n' bass vinyl and digital releases. As mentioned before, we have access to unreleased and forthcoming tracks thanks to our connections from promoting club nights and our own DJ gigs, so we delight in playing those too. Many tunes from Scottish artists have were heard first on Armed Response DNB. Between us, we effectively represent every subgenre of drum n' bass, ensuring that every show we broadcast incorporates the best of the music, old and new. Our archive represents a significant body of drum n' bass music, mixed live on air in the studio by experienced, skilled and passionate DJs, and a look at previous show tracklists will illustrate just how representative our show is of the full spectrum of the music we love.

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Playlist for Audio Excerpt

01. Black Sun Empire & Chris SU - Skyrider 00:00
02. Raiden - Fallin' 02:58
03. Decoder - Tension (Usual Suspects remix) 08:00
04. N.phect - The Sphere 11:00
05. Break & Silent Witness - Visions of the Future 15:00
06. State of Mind & Axiom - Dead Zone 18:00