Teenagers – not as bad as they are portrayed?

Life



Britain altering her ways, has successfully managed to keep up with the ever changing world. However the youth of our day, seem the only change society somewhat fails to keep pace with. Are we leading our teenagers forlorn?

Teenagers are categorised under offenders and criminals and not to mention are covered by an umbrella of stereotypical views of which if its coverage of teenage Britain fails to cease would be a slow and gradual obliteration of Britain's future.

If society takes a step back and realises the sought of pressure left upon the shoulders of our future leaders, doctors, engineers etcetera we would come to the realisation that the strain put on them is a strain put on the nation's future.

Furthermore, as the well-being of the nation hangs in the balance it seems as if eyes are staring purposefully watch it lose its balance with the likes of the media broadcasting nothing but the negatives, painting a villainous image of which the public do nothing but believe.

Although there are some teenagers who follow the wrong path, statistics show 10 percent of anti-social behaviour were committed by them and the increase of knife crime amongst teenagers increased by 2 percent over the past year however it seems statistics like this also fail to mention the other percentage of teenagers who actually do something valuable for the society such us charity work, and those whom constantly thrive in the aspiration of making the nation a good one to live in, until then the current government has to work on making this nation a bearable one to live in. The constant

pressure from the media towards the teenage generation has yet to show the many good works of the youths.

"Back in my day..." seems to be the reoccurring statement by the nostalgic few, the few, whom believe that without the morals and discipline of the old age teenagers today show norespectfor society today, however, Do they know how it is to work in a teenagers shoes.

Above all, teenagers still get along with life amongst all the turmoil: postcode wars, gang warfare andpeer pressure.

Being at a vulnerable stage in life, youths feel pressured into becoming the image everyone expects, seen in the small town of Lancashire where a normal boy named Tom, was bullied to the extent he committedsuicide, this in itself is not accepted in society. "Now I will not get to see my son lead a normal life" said Mrs Smith tearfully. Would the outcome be different if he spoke to someone?

2011 witnessed the London riots, often described as "mindless act ofviolence" saw parts of London set ablaze teenagers seen as the apparent cause, could this have been prevented? Or was this just a way to gain attention from the society as they have been put on the lower end of it, always put at the receiving end of pessimistic views.

Although this would be seen by some to be destructive, inconsiderate and uncalled-for, this might be what teenagers think would actually make sure their voices are heard and also make sure they have an actual say on what decisions are made about them.

The life of teenagers would continue to remain a mystery to some, as times change people also change, if things do not change for the better the life of a 21st century teenager would continue to be hard.