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Right, your mum and Dad are having a go at you for for this, that and the other... Sound familiar? I thought so! Here is a simple, quick and easy guide to get them on your side in time for the next party you need to go to!

Firstly, I know it's boring and tedious but why not offer to do some housechores? It is a great way to earn some 'brownie points' and it's not that hard to do. The winning combination is to cook a nice dinner - doesn't have to be hard, simple is often better - and then do the washing up. ~~All~~ All jokes aside, (sorry getting serious on you for a few moments) the relationship you have with family members is extremely important, ^{unfortunately} there is always negative media of teenagers that older generations are stereotyping all of our generation to be hoodie wearing, stealing, murderous youths! One person can't change the world but if most stand together and change public opinion of teenagers that has got to be a good thing! They say all charity starts at home and this still applies.

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Start small. Build up. Improve the relationship with your parents first by doing some house-hold chores, not always asking for lifts! (You have legs! most people have a bike or why not take the bus?) Help your little brother or sister with their homework - that is always a good one (highly recommended!) and finally, it may not be cool but hang out with them. Don't worry you don't have to go out the house! But why not spend an evening playing some family games or watching tele?

Now Spreading out a bit. There are great opportunities that would help improve the general opinion of teens; the D of E scheme - Duke of Edinburgh - it is recognised by all schools, colleges and uni's which will benefit you but in order to complete it you have to do some volunteer work - I did mine in a charity shop and all the little old ladies loved having me around!

Please think. Are you being unjustly stereotyped as something you're not? It's time to change. It is not fair for poor old women to be scared to leave their house! It is not fair for all teens to be labelled as bad! Prove that you are not a 'youth'. Make a statement - It's time to change.

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