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I had recently watched a TV programme called 'The Only Way is Hackney'. It was about youths and violence on the outside of Central London. ~~It~~

The programme itself was broadcasting the everyday lives of these youths. ~~In the~~ Through out the weeks I had watched it I was shown outrageous amounts of theft, drug-dealings, & criminal damage and unnecessary violence.

However, I had been taught that now almost 25% of teenagers are given community service or are sent to juvenile prison, repeatedly almost every year.

On one of the episodes the director of the show had spoken to the Head Of Youth Community Service and he had this to say: "Teenagers of our country need to realise the potential damage they are

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However, the majority of those young offenders now participating in Community Service will relapse their 'mistakes' and will return to the job again in less than four months.

I decided to go out and do some research myself. I took to the streets of Birmingham to hear what our ~~younger~~ <sup>younger</sup> souls had to say. Katie, fourteen said: "I think community service is good but what if the person's offence had really took its toll on someone's life? I think imprisonment would be the correct disciplin<sup>e</sup>." I then came across a group of young teenagers outside McDonald's. I asked them whether they thought that Community Service is the right disciplin<sup>e</sup> for crimes and whether they think it's fair. A boy who does not wish to be named replied: "You see all these olders telling us what to do. This, that and the other. We've all had enough. Why are they complaining? Before they criticize our generation they need to remember who raised it."

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The type of behaviour and lack of respect I was given on the streets of Birmingham slightly related to the show on TV.

I believe that the programme I witnessed was judgemental in some areas, as not all teenagers are the same. Are they?

However, it has given out more awareness to the public of what's really going on outside the central towns and city of our country and that more help should be given to our youths to help restore peace and calm.

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