

# Witness appeal following racist attack in capital



Police are appealing for witnesses following a racist attack in the Capital over the weekend.

The incident happened sometime between 3pm and 3.30pm yesterday in Middrie House Square.

A 41-year-old Polish man was walking home when a group of male youths began to shout racist remarks at him.

The group then threw stones towards the victim before punching him to the face and making off.

He was taken to hospital after sustaining a number of cuts and grazes to his face and upper body but was later released.

Officers are now conducting local enquiries to trace the suspects and anyone who can assist with this investigation is asked to come forward.

The youths are described only as being white and between 16 and 18-years-old. One of them had fair blond hair and was wearing a grey tracksuit.

Sergeant Kevin Smith said: "This was an unprovoked attack, which seems motivated only by the victim's nationality.

"Fortunately the man was not seriously injured as a result of this incident but was left understandably shaken and we are keen to hear from anyone who was in the area on Sunday afternoon and remembers seeing anything suspicious.

"In addition, anyone who can help us identify the suspects is also asked to contact police immediately.

“We will not tolerate any form of hate crime and anyone found to be involved in crimes of this nature can expect to be dealt with by Police Scotland.”

Those with information can contact Police Scotland on 101 or alternatively the charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.