Woman racially abused in Oxgangs

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Police are appealing for witnesses after a woman was racially abused in the city yesterday.

The incident happened sometime between 6.30am and 6.50am yesterday (Tuesday) in Oxgangs Avenue.

The 27-year-old victim, who is originally from Nepal was standing at the bus stop outside St Mark's RC Church when a group of youths began to make offensive and racist remarks towards her.

All of the youths then boarded a Number 16 bus and the woman contacted police.

Officers are now conducting local enquiries to identify the youths and are urging anyone with information to come forward.

Two of the suspects were male and are described only as being white and in their teens. One had ginger hair. The other suspect was a white female teenager.

Constable Connor Stapleton said: "The woman was not injured but was left very upset at the offensive remarks made by the youths.

"I would ask that any members of the public who were in the area at the time and remember seeing this incident take contact police immediately.

"In addition, passengers on the bus are also asked to get in touch if they can provide us with information that will help locate the suspects." Those with information can contact Police Scotland on 101 or alternatively, the charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.