Using Technologies in Your Lectures

What is this?

Increasingly lecture theatres are being equipped with a wide range of technologies that can be used to enhance your lectures. It can be confusing, for example, how to switch devices (such as computer, video player, document visualiser, etc.) through a projector and this session will help academics to address these skills using the console system used in theatres throughout the University.

Lecture recording is very popular with students who are requesting this service as it becomes more available. This session will discuss the advantages of these facilities and how to use them in academics’ teaching. We will also discuss the use of videoconferencing.

Maintaining student attention during lectures can be challenging and in this session we will discuss the use of voting technologies that allow lecturers to conduct quick audience polls at any time during a presentation and have results immediately displayed for analysis.

Who’s it for?

The session is for academics and others who want to improve their technology skills when giving lectures.

When and where is it?

To find out the dates of this course (it will be run continuously throughout the year) and to book you will need to log on to the Trent system at :-

http://staff.exeter.ac.uk

Click on the ‘Learning’ tab and then ‘Learning Activity Search’. Type the name of the course into the field (use a ‘*’ at the beginning) and a list of available dates will be made available for you to book.

What will I get from the session?

By the end of the session you should be able to:

1. Understand how to use the Crestron control panel used in most lecture theatres
2. Know the procedure for arranging an Echo360 lecture recording, how to set your own ad-hoc lecture recording and appreciate how to get the most out of the Echo360 facility
3. Know the procedure for requesting a videoconference and use simple videoconferencing software such as Skype and Adobe Connect.
4. Use the Turning Point voting system in teaching rooms and create live polls using Powerpoint.

Session content
The session will concentrate on demonstrations of the items above however as this will be taught in small groups there will be opportunities for participants to get hands-on practice with the technologies.

How do I sign up?

Sign up via the Trent Service System: http://www.exeter.ac.uk/staff/services/selfservice/. If you would like additional information, please contact Nick Birbeck (N.Birbeck@exeter.ac.uk)