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University of Oxford Adopts Auri™ as the Benchmark for Accessible Audio



The University of Oxford, one of the world's most prestigious academic institutions, has adopted a campus-wide standard for assistive listening using Auri™, the inclusive audio solution powered by Ampetronic | Listen Technologies and built on Auracast™ Broadcast audio. Delivered by Aura and supported by Ampetronic | Listen Technologies, the solution began as a pilot in Blackwell Hall and has now become the benchmark for inclusive audio across the University's estate.



CHALLENGE

Oxford's AV infrastructure had grown organically over time, resulting in inconsistent interfaces and accessibility gaps across departments. Blackwell Hall, a high-profile public space within the Bodleian Library, lacked any modern assistive listening provision. The hall's marble floors and Grade I listed stonework ruled out traditional hearing loop systems, and visiting AV teams struggled to integrate with the existing Dante network. With no room for cabling and a strict installation deadline before the academic term, the University needed a solution that was wireless, scalable and non-invasive.



SOLUTION

Aura deployed the University of Oxford's first Auracast™ broadcast assistive listening system, Auri™, powered by Ampetronic | Listen Technologies, in Blackwell Hall. The Auri TX2N broadcast transmitter was patched directly into the Dante network using legacy cabling, avoiding any disruption to the historic building.



What began as a pilot in Blackwell Hall has become our benchmark for inclusive audio across the University. The Auracast™ deployment is genuinely pioneering and now forms our official standard for this type of accessibility solution.

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The system now broadcasts high-quality audio throughout the atrium without the need for device pairing. An Auri D16 docking station with sixteen Auri™ receivers (neck loops, headphones and ear speakers) is available at reception for visitors without Auracast-enabled devices. External AV teams can connect via a single Dante patch point, and staff use a reprogrammed wireless touch panel for intuitive source control.

Regular reviews with Procurement and Estates track receiver usage, user feedback and network performance.



RESULT

The Auri™ deployment has eliminated the coverage gaps associated with legacy hearing loop systems. Visiting AV teams now integrate seamlessly, and the solution has become the official standard for inclusive audio across the University of Oxford. The project demonstrates how modern assistive listening can be delivered in heritage environments without compromise.

PRODUCTS USED

- (1) **AURI™-TX2N-D** Transmitters
- (2) **AURI™-D4** Docking Stations
- (16) **AURI™-RX1** Receivers
- (8) **LA-438** Advanced Neck Loop
- (8) **LA-402** Universal Stereo Headphones
- (8) **LA-401** Universal Ear Speaker

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