

Making IT Work 4U Out on the Road

Doncaster South City Learning Centre

Doncaster South City Learning Centre was opened in 2004 to provide learners and teachers in the local area with e-learning and technology based resources.

CLC Manager, Lorraine Hall says "We have a reputation here for our modern cutting-edge approach to everything we undertake." At the Centre they have a range of exciting technologies, particularly those which can be used in creative and inspiring ways.

The CLC team are committed education specialists who are all passionate about promoting the effective use of ICT in teaching. Curriculum Manager Damian Ward and Media Production specialist Cal Johnson have over thirty-five years of experience between them working with schools and using creative media. They explained their thoughts behind their latest innovation...

"At the Centre we already had experience of using a TV studio with staff and pupils across the curriculum and have found the engagement levels to be extraordinary. Media



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technology is always an excellent tool for developing and improving the students' ability to communicate with each other and to work as a team."

The idea was to replicate this experience in a mobile format accessing schools right across the borough and four Planet MovieBox solutions were acquired to achieve these objectives. Doncaster South CLC told us "Education is our main focus. The portable equipment will be rotated between Primary and Secondary schools in Doncaster and utilised across the whole of the

curriculum, as opposed to merely being a media tool."

Cal Johnson said he always finds his customer experience with Planet PC ideal for his needs. "Their understanding of our requirements from a technological and end user perspective is consistently exceptional. They are always the first place we look to if we are in a position to invest."

The Centre's first project is an 'On-Location Movie Roadshow', where schools will be given access to a Planet MovieBox for a day. CLC staff will take the portable studios into schools, set up and help students to make 12 second movies. They will be using video cameras combined with green screen technology to place pupils in a wide variety of scenes such as a Tudor village, outer space, ancient Egypt, a theatre stage, New York and the top of Mount Everest. All movies will be entered into a showcase competition and participants will get a DVD of their videos after each visit.

Cal told us "We have had a lot of interest from a number of schools and they are excited by the prospect of having such a facility within their school."