

# USER STORY

## Lambeth CLC

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**The aim of Lambeth City Learning Centre is to introduce the use of innovative technology for children and young people in Lambeth schools. The CLC acts as a test bed for new ways of learning and teaching by providing access to the very latest ICT facilities, developing new curriculum resources and motivating and inspiring young people to learn.**

The studio at Lambeth CLC has allowed many educational projects to take place, some of which have been recognised nationally. The Reflectmedia Chroma Key solution used in the majority of these projects has proved to be flexible, portable and, with a set up time of just thirty minutes, quick and easy to use for both teachers and students.

Whilst the facilities are primarily aimed at Key Stage 4 and 5, Lambeth CLC are encouraging the lower Key Stages to take advantage of the technology available. Rossendale School produced a film where the students, some as young as 3 years old, could interview each other about their holidays whilst showing their holiday drawings as a back drop. Lark Hill Primary School took cameras and recording equipment to Brixton Market where they filmed images and scenes and recorded dialogue, which they then used in an animated film. The film was chosen as part of the Co-operative Young Film Makers Festival and screened at the National Media Museum in Bradford.

Lambeth CLC have recently been involved in the BBC School Day, where 15 Year 8 students presented their own news report using live and pre-recorded material. Using the studio equipment the students were able to divide into teams and present, light, film and edit their reports, which is now accessible on their website under the heading 'Charles Edmund Brooke Video'.

Stuart Hendy, Systems Manager and Joe Halloran, Technical Assistant have found that the experience of using the studio is a learning curve for the students, but because of the intuitive and user friendly nature of the equipment they soon become adept.

It is also proving a positive resource for students with behavioural issues with several groups of NEET (not in education, employment or training) students actively engaging in a variety of accredited media courses run at the CLC.

The studio was 'definitely the way to go' says Stuart, 'the specification was exactly what we required; the kit looks impressive and has proved easy to use'. Joe adds 'the Chroma Key technology has enabled students to become more creative and expand from simple usage to more complicated set ups such as car chases. This applies to not just Media courses, but with History, Science and other cross curricular subjects. We already have many projects booked in for next term.'

Lambeth CLC move back to their newly renovated premises in January 2009 and intend to have a dedicated live production suite with a fixed Chroma Key Studio as well as the portable solution they are currently using. They are also pleased to confirm that they have been appointed to start running a pilot 14 - 19 diploma in Creative Media from September 2008, taking 450 pupils from 3 different secondary schools in the area, as an alternative to GCSEs. The scheme will then increase to 5 secondary schools from September 2009.

Stuart Hendy finished by saying 'It has been a pleasure working with Planet PC'.

