Promethean, the designer and manufacturer of ACTIVboard Interactive Whiteboard systems and ACTIVision video-conferencing systems, has recently completed the installation of a video-conferencing and interactive whiteboard system at Kingwood City Learning Centre (CLC) in Hammersmith & Fulham London.
A Powerful Communication Tool

Created from the outset with the business user firmly in mind, Promethean’s installation at this £1.2m City Learning Centre was co-ordinated by Hammersmith & Fulham Borough Council as part of the Excellence in Cities (EiC) programme funded by the DfES.

John Hackett of Icon Information Systems Ltd acted as consultant on all IT aspects of the building including infrastructure design and specification. Promethean were asked by him to tender for both the Interactive Whiteboard and Video Conferencing requirements, after the successful implementation of their technology in the Wandsworth City Learning College – a previous Icon Information Systems’ client.

Kingwood CLC required that the installation was user friendly, with a professional design and flexible multi-purpose specification. Kingwood also wanted to attract local businesses to use the facility to subsidise the costs of running the centre.

The Setup

Two of Promethean’s ACTIVboards are incorporated; one of which has full interactive whiteboard functionality, the other being a ‘dummy’ whiteboard to provide a second matching projection screen.

This twin display arrangement provides a highly flexible system, which can display for example ACTIVstudio (whiteboard software) alongside ACTIVision, (video-conferencing), or a remote site on one screen and the local view on the other. Other modes of operation that can be used include video-conferencing with simultaneous data sharing or PowerPoint slides.

The solution that Promethean provided was a complete ‘wall’ housing all equipment in custom-built Japanese Ash units. A Polycom camera/codec unit mounted centrally on a shelf between the displays, 2 Sanyo video data projectors, a Sony DVD/CD player and an integrated audio system provides a useful range of AV presentation modes.

The Client

Seamus Oates, the Director for the new Centre has plans to pilot a project involving modern foreign language students at the William Morris Academy. It involves students from the school speaking with French students and has been designed to help them revise for the French ‘A’ level exam.

He said:

“Promethean have been extremely helpful and we are delighted to recommend their interactive whiteboards to all schools within the borough. We look forward to welcoming businesses along with local schools to the centre.”

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