



Case Study

# Learning Space Solutions

University of Manchester





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**Working in partnership with IS Service Delivery Manager Bill Ayres in the Faculty of Life Sciences, the key aim was to maximise the space and introduce flexibility through a cost effective whole room solution.**

### Assessing The Problem

**Twenty seminar rooms in the Stopford Building at the University of Manchester Medical School required refurbishment.**

The existing oblong desks and chairs joined to form rectangular group study space. It was inflexible and created line of sight issues for students and lecturers when in discussion.

### Defining The Solution

**A number of innovative designs were explored by representatives from the University. Ideas were consolidated for three distinct elements.**

#### Bespoke Desking

In order to provide each student with unhindered visibility of the lecturer's presentation, a bowed table design was specified.

The bespoke table solution was divided into six sections when joined, created a group table. This provided far greater flexibility in that each section could be paired to create smaller group tables. The whole table seated 14 students.

#### Audio Visual Lecterns

Minimising the space used by the lectern without compromising security or quality was of paramount importance.

A TOP-TEC Credenza lectern was specified as it provides 16U of secure rack space and a standing height presentation point from which a visualiser could be used to conduct seminar material. With a footprint of only 74cm x 67cm it is the most compact lectern available.

#### Seating

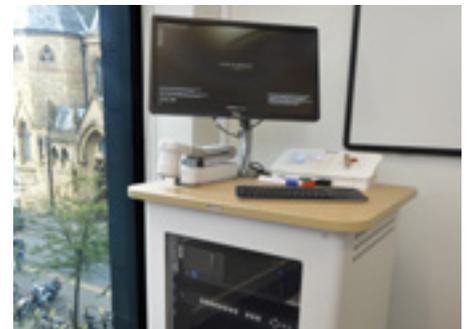
The AIR cantilever chair provides ease of movement and greater comfort with its mesh back. It was observed that a typical five castor pedestal chair would restrict movement due to the space required. The AIR Chair provided a quality glide solution.

### Delivering The Benefits

- Cost effective
- Great flexibility
- Secured multimedia assets
- Concealed cable management
- Maximisation of space
- An aesthetic that met the Universities aspirations

**Dalen's whole teaching and learning space designs for the Stopford Building seamlessly integrated affordability, flexibility, technology and innovation.**

**Each seminar room was furnished to create a fresh, dynamic learning environment.**



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