

PROJECT PROFILE



Scottish Government's Media Centre

Electrosonic Refreshes and Supports Media Facilities at St. Andrew's House

Electrosonic has successfully upgraded some of the key audio-visual components in the Scottish Government's Media Centre. Located within St. Andrew's House in Edinburgh, the Media Centre serves as the site where journalists are often briefed on Government news announcements.

Carolyn Thomson, Scottish Government Project Manager, said. "They listened carefully to what we wanted to achieve and they came up with some very good ideas. They worked hard and we are very happy with the results, which actually exceeded our expectations."

Electrosonic's Edinburgh office refreshed the essential presentation equipment in "Media 1" (seating 70),



Apple iPad room controller

"Media 2" (a small briefing/meeting or overflow room), a preparatory "Green Room", a back projection room and a control room. The original equipment was installed around 12 years ago and overdue for a refresh.

Since a number of events presented at the Media Centre can be "on the record", Electrosonic ensured all audio can be heard and recorded with crystal clarity. Media 1's audio system is equipped with two video conferencing device units and a mixing console, ensuring the audio levels can be controlled both manually and automatically. Each Media 1 speaker position is equipped with a controlled pick-up line array microphone that captures exceptional audio quality, while being unobtrusive both to the presenters and to the audience.



Media 2

Media 1's most important display is a rear projection screen used to display pre-recorded and backdrop material using a three-chip DLP projector located behind it. Computer image inputs accessible through floor boxes allow additional content to be projected onto the screen.

The primary controller for Media 1 is connected directly to devices located in the same rack, and via Ethernet to remote equipment. The controller can be accessed by a standard touch screen in the control room, from push buttons near the room curtains, or from a tablet computer. This allows for a very flexible audio, video and lighting control system that can be accessed conveniently throughout the facility.

Media 2, a less complex space, contains one remote controlled camera, as well as an interactive 70-inch LCD

monitor, which can be used to relay proceedings from Media 1. There is also a 46-inch LCD monitor in the Green Room where guests waiting to present can prepare themselves.

Sub-contractors were Blacklight for specialist lighting, Laurence McIntosh for lectern and stage desks, Colinton for other furniture and Mitie, who was the main fit-out contractor.

Electrosonic continues to support the Scottish Government with a three-year service agreement, offering services such as telephone and emergency service support. "The on-going support and service we have received – even in the short period since the refresh – has been first class, and reassuring," concluded Carolyn Thomson.



The video camera controller



St Andrew's House