



AGSC at Trafford College

The Access Grid Support Centre (AGSC) team visited [Trafford College](#)'s Talbot Road campus as part of their ongoing outreach programme.

Mohammed Din of the AGSC gave a presentation entitled 'An Introduction to the AGSC' to Sheena Palmer, Ronnie Perpete and other senior members of Trafford College. This was followed by Ian Dennell's presentation 'The Fundamentals of Access Grid'.



The AGSC's portable Access Grid (AG) node was then configured in the boardroom for a live demonstration of the capabilities of Access Grid. Connections were made to virtual venues, and the AG conference was displayed to senior members of the Trafford College management team. Two AG software options were demonstrated: IOCOM Grid (IG), which is commercial software, and the Access Grid Toolkit (AGTk), an open source alternative. Some of the differences between the two applications were highlighted.

The staff at Trafford College were impressed by the live AG demonstration, particularly the scalability of the system and the high degree of control over individual audio and video feeds. They believe that Access Grid could facilitate management meetings; managers based on different campuses can be up to 10 miles apart.

The staff are now looking into building a few AG nodes at minimal cost, using the free AGTk software and utilising the existing projector/screen in the boardroom. The AGSC will provide advice on AG hardware (cameras, microphones, capture cards etc). In addition, they will arrange a demonstration of AG between the North and South Trafford campuses.