

# QU-24 & CAMBRIDGE UNION SOCIETY



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## The Requirement

Founded in 1815, the Cambridge Union is the oldest continually operating debating society in the world, with participants including heads of state, business leaders, actors, academics and politicians.

Thirteen radio mics are used for most debates, with bodypacks for the main contributors and handheld mics for questions from the floor. There is often a requirement for Skype contributions to debates as well as filming and webcasting of events. The main challenges were the requirement for inexperienced users to be able to operate the system, and the mix position which is on a balcony overlooking the main chamber.

## The Solution

Having extensive experience in the university, cathedral and heritage sectors, installer About Sound was appointed to specify and install a new audio system as part of an AV refurbishment. The brief was to provide a digital console that inexperienced users would be able to walk up to and operate.

The Qu-24 digital mixer was chosen to replace the Union's old 20 channel analogue mixer. Qu-24 was selected for its shallow learning curve and intuitive operation. The mixer has a full colour touchscreen married to an acclaimed user interface that's super-fast to learn and simple to use. Navigation by touch makes all the difference in speed of operation, particularly for less experienced users.

The comprehensive Qu-Pad app is used to overcome the challenges of the mix position, allowing users to discreetly judge levels and mute / unmute channels from within the audience via an iPad.

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