



THE SPACE UTIL GROUP

**The Space Util Group is an membership community for the education sector, that provides a range of resources that enable all of its members to work together to improve their space utilisation**

Throughout my time working within space and timetabling management the availability of space utilisation information and the sharing of knowledge and best practice has been hard to come by. It is one thing to know that you have a low space utilisation, but it is another to know how to effectively improve this without damaging other areas, such as teaching practices and the student experience.



Space utilisation knowledge and practices exist within every institution but the current opportunities available to learn from others, share our experiences and ask questions are insufficient



The Space Util Group aims to open up the world of space utilisation, breaking down the barriers that have historically prevented this information from being widely shared by creating an online space utilisation community and resource. In doing so, education institutions from around the world will be able to work together, sharing ideas and best practice, as well working together to improve each others space utilisation.

To do this The Space Util Group will act as a hub including a number of online platforms that are focussed on providing its members with the information they require to help them effectively improve the utilisation of their estate.

These resources will include a community forum, online live workshops, online video tutorials and importantly a regularly updated Peer to Peer Space Utilisation Data Comparison report as shown in the following pages.



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Community

**The Space Util Group Community is a live online environment where all members can ask advice, share experiences and work together to improve their space utilisation.**

Whether you want to ask a question, share a success story or develop new solutions The Space Util Group provides you with the platform and support you need to get the answers and results you are looking for.

The Community will link with all the other resources provided by The Space Util Group, ensuring all members have the platform to continue discussions.



After each live workshop and video tutorial recording has been posted on The Space Util Group, members will be encouraged to ask questions and discuss any points raised via the Community. This will help to build upon the knowledge shared via these tutorials and workshops, as well ensure that any questions about the content can be answered.

A core part of The Space Util Group Community will be how it supports the Peer to Peer Space Utilisation Report. A separate section of the Community will be dedicated to providing an environment where every member can discuss the results, ask questions and share advice.



The Community will be hosted via the The Space Util Group website and only be available to members. All members of this Community will be able to create personal profiles and interact with each other via live message boards.



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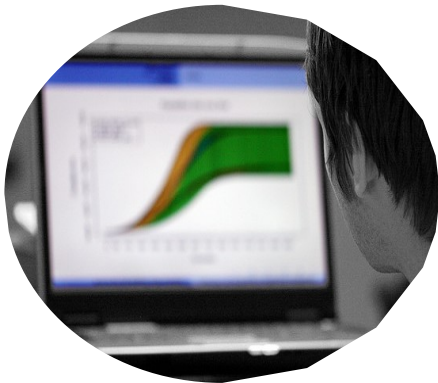
## Peer Group Comparison

**The Peer Group Comparison feature of The Space Util Group creates a worldwide space utilisation data and reporting source that every member can be a part of.**

This feature offers an in depth breakdown of each institutions utilisation data enabling each member to compare their results against others, by factors including utilisation by space type, utilisation by day and time, timetable vs actual utilisation and central vs department ownership utilisation.



Every educational institution from around the world can be a part of this Peer Group Comparison feature, enabling all institutions to learn from each other and further The Space Util Group's understanding of space utilisation. The objective is to provide a regularly updated source of data that is truly useful, enabling each member to compare their space utilisation data against their peers and discuss findings.



In addition to providing Peer Group Comparison data, members can ask each other questions and start discussions via The Space Util Group Community. For example, if you want to find out how other members have managed to achieve higher utilisation rates on a Friday afternoon, just start a new discussion via The Space Util Group Community to find out.



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## Peer Group Comparison

In order to be a part of this Peer Group Comparison feature, each member is required to provide at least 1 weeks of actual teaching space utilisation data for that academic year as well as fill out a qualifying questionnaire.

This information will help to ensure that each member's data can be accurately and fairly compared to another, as well as enabling each member to view background information not picked up by the space utilisation data – i.e. student numbers, size of estate etc.



As with all of The Space Util Group features, The Peer Group Comparison report provides a platform that enables discussions and questions to be asked and ideas to flourish, using the collective knowledge of all of The Space Util Group members to get the best results.



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Live Video Workshops

**All of The Space Util Group's members will have access to live online workshops enabling members to be a part of each session, asking questions and adding thoughts as the workshop progresses.**



These live workshops will focus on a key topic as the point of discussion, typically these will be issues that have been raised via The Space Util Group forum or interesting topics that a member may want help or advice on. The objective, is to create a platform where the shared knowledge of all The Space Util Group members can help solve each issue as well as create new and innovative solutions that The Space Util Group's members can pioneer and feedback with.

Each of these live workshops will be recorded and available to all members via the archive, so if you did happen to miss one you can always revisit the recording to see what was discussed. Any content used during a live workshop will also be made available to The Space Util Group members to download, plus members also have the option of uploading their own related information via the Community.

Discussions on the topic will not end there, with all members being able to continue asking questions and sharing thoughts using the discussion board on the Community after each live workshop has ended.

Each live workshop will be viewable via a PC or MAC, as well Iphone/Ipad/Android devices via the internet browser so you can access them where ever you are, when ever you need to.





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Online Video Tutorials

**All members of The Space Util Group will have access to a regularly updated video tutorial library, with each video focussing on exploring a specific space utilisation topic providing a useful informative resource that can be watched at any time and applied within the workplace.**

The objective of these video tutorials, is to provide The Space Util Group Members with an easily accessible and digestible information resource that help each member to pick up new skills and ideas that will help to improve their space utilisation. Therefore, these video tutorials will call on sector experts and those with success stories, to share their experiences, thoughts and ideas as well pick up on topics that are of current interest and importance within The Space Util Group Community to help explore the issues that are effecting members.



Once each video tutorial has been posted, members can continue discussions on the topic via The Space Util Group Community as well as having the option to provide extra information in downloadable form for others to use. Any content used in each video tutorial will also be available to all members via download.

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## How To Become A Member

**The Space Util Group will be launching over the coming months and be available to all educational institutions around the world.**



To launch The Space Util Group, there will be a limited number of significantly reduced memberships available.

To take advantage of this offer just send me an email asking to receive the The Space Util Group newsletter, so you can be sure that you are one of the first to hear about this offer and how to sign up.

If you are interested in becoming a member of The Space Util Group and would like more information or to discuss any of the services further, please don't hesitate to contact me it would be great to hear from you.



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