Useful information for students requiring access to a hearing loop whilst at University

What is a hearing loop?

A hearing loop (sometimes called an induction loop) is a special type of sound system for use by people with hearing aids. A hearing loop system gives a clearer sound with less interference and background noise. It works by sending out a magnetic wireless signal from a microphone near the sound source that’s picked up by hearing aids when they’re set to the ‘T’ (tele-coil) setting.

How does a loop help a student with a hearing loss?

- Cuts out unwanted background noise
- No need to use a receiver/headset
- Sound goes directly into the hearing aid
- Can be used by anyone with a compatible hearing aid
- It is inconspicuous

How will I know if a hearing loop is provided in my teaching session?

There should be a hearing loop sign indicating that a loop is available (a loop is available in all main lecture rooms).

Tips when using the hearing loop

- **Ensure your hearing aid has a T-setting.** A good hearing loop will give you a great listening experience – and is likely to make it easier and more relaxing to hear even if you have the best available hearing aids.

- **Is the problem your hearing aid?** If you get a poor experience, check a few other hearing loops to see if the problem might be your hearing aid.

- **Don’t have a T-setting?** Most digital hearing aids have this capability but you sometimes have to ask/remind your hearing aid provider to activate it. It is typically quick and easy to do.

- **What if I use a cochlear implant, can I use a hearing loop?** This will depend upon the model of processor you wear – ask the cochlear implant team and they can tell you the specific features for your implant.

What do I do if I cannot seem to hear using the hearing loop provided?

If you cannot hear anything from the hearing loop provided you should inform a member of staff who will then get the loop checked out.