# EDGE HILL UNIVERSITY - WHY WE INVEST IN CAPTION.ED FOR OUR STUDENTS

“Captions aren't just for people with disabilities, but they're useful for everybody and makes learning much easier. I would have no second thoughts about recommending Caption.Ed and we have just invested for our second term"

“The biggest challenge we had before Caption.Ed is that although we could caption and record content through some tools that we use, the accuracy wasn’t great, and we didn’t have the ability to caption live events. Caption.Ed filled the gap in being able to generate captions from live events.

Caption.Ed allows us to do this through the click of a button and gives control back to the students”.

## MEET EDGE HILL UNIVERSITY

A place where you have the power to take control of your future

Edge Hill University comprises of nearly 15,000 students and is based in West Lancashire, close to Liverpool and Manchester.

It is a university that prides itself on its teaching quality, learning environment and support for students, all of which have been recognised with a number of awards and high rankings, including being ranked as gold in the Teaching Excellence Framework, and being crowned 'Modern University of the Year' in the Times Good University Guide 2022.

Edge Hill University wanted to find an innovative solution to providing accurate captions for live and pre-recorded media for students and academic staff to support their learning.

We caught up with Martin Baxter, Learning Technologist at Edge Hill, to discuss how Caption.Ed has become an essential learning tool for students.

## THE BENEFITS OF USING CAPTION.ED FOR STUDENTS

### The importance of accurate captions

With Caption.Ed we have found the level of accuracy much higher than other tools which is really useful for our academics as well as students, and the ability to edit these is really powerful.

Caption.Ed offers a higher level of accuracy, but we all need to play a part in maintaining that accuracy by projecting ourselves clearly and using the correct equipment.

Captions aren't just for people with disabilities but are useful for everybody. The convenience of having captions to refer back to at your convenience just makes learning easier for all.

### How are students using Caption.Ed?

One of the ways students have starting using Caption.Ed is as a strategy for note taking. During lockdown where learning through pre-recorded media was so common, students have found this invaluable, especially those students who only had the option for viewing recorded taught sessions.

Captions really help students to absorb information and offer a different and valuable way of engaging with the content. We have a lot of students that work on placements which can be busy and noisy environments which make concentrating difficult, so having captions that they can access at their convenience really helps.

## CAPTION.ED FOR ACADEMICS

Many of our academics find Caption-Ed really useful because it allows them to review the captions that have been generated and edit them in the editing suite if needs be. Academics also like that Caption.Ed has a number of specific pre-configured dictionaries you can select from that recognise specific academic terminology.

## WORKING WITH THE CAPTION.ED TEAM

The Caption.Ed team have been very proactive, very supportive and are always open and responsive to new ideas on how to develop the software

## CAPTION.ED WITH ACCENTS

One of the things that impresses me the most about Caption-Ed is its ability to generate accurate captions from accents. I myself am from Liverpool, and Caption.Ed understands what I say well, sometimes better than people I talk to!

For more information on Caption.Ed please contact help@caption-ed.com