Box of Broadcasts - Introduction

What is BoB and how do I use it?

BoB (Box of Broadcasts) National is an innovative shared online off-air TV and radio recording service for UK higher and further education institutions.

BoB enables all staff and students to choose and record any broadcast programme from 75+ TV and radio channels. The recorded programmes are then kept indefinitely (no expiry) and added to a growing media archive (currently at over 2 million broadcasts).

The user-friendly system allows you to record and catch-up on missed programmes on and off-campus, schedule recordings in advance, edit programmes into clips, create playlists, embed clips into VLEs, share what they are watching with others, search a growing archive of material, plus more.

Key features include:

- BBC TV and radio content dating from 2007
- Over 10 foreign language channels, including French, German and Italian
- Apple iOS and Android compatibility – watch BoB on handheld devices
- Searchable transcripts
- Links to social media – share what you’re watching online
- A one-click citation reference, allowing you to cite programmes in your work

How do I get started?

- Sign in at https://learningonscreen.ac.uk/ondemand
- In the Where are you from? box type in Aberdeen, then select University of Aberdeen.
- Enter your University login details at the Shibboleth authentication screen:
- View BoB including your own MyBOB area and Guide.
Getting started

Learning on Screen have produced a set of video guides to help you find your way around BoB. You’ll find these at https://learningonscreen.ac.uk/how-to-use-bob/.

Channel List

The list of channels is added to every year, but you can view a list of all current channels on the Learning on Screen website.

If you are not already logged in, you will be prompted to do so – see How do I get started?, above for guidance on logging in.

Help and Support

- Learning on Screen’s BoB FAQ:
  https://learningonscreen.ac.uk/ondemand/help.php/faq

- For University IT support contact:
  https://myit.abdn.ac.uk
  servicedesk@abdn.ac.uk