

Using an Audio Archive to Promote Learning

The MU Library

Ken Saro-Wiwa Audio Archive

- MU Library and Kairos Communications created an audio archive on Nigerian writer and environmental activist Ken Saro-Wiwa
- The audio archive tells the story of Ken Saro-Wiwa and environmental pollution in the Niger Delta
- There are eight interviews and more are planned

HOW IT WORKS:

- Interviews were recorded in Kairos Recording studio and on location in Mayo and Dublin
- Recordings were tagged and uploaded to *Soundcloud*, an audio cloud-based platform for sharing sound files
- The audio archive is freely available 24/7 via the Internet and is compatible with all mobile devices

“The audio archive takes people beyond a written account of events and is a really innovative way to learn about Ken Saro-Wiwa’s work on environmental issues”

Jon Purcell, Librarian, Durham University & Peer Reviewer MU Library Quality Review 2015

IMPACT:

- High-profile launch by Dr Owens Wiwa, brother of Ken Saro-Wiwa in November 2013
- Extracts of archive broadcast on Irish national radio and University of Ibadan Radio (Alma Mater of Ken Saro-Wiwa)
- The Audio Archive has featured at a number of conferences and has had over 1,000 hits worldwide
- Highlights MU’s involvement in social justice issues

<https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/library/collections/ken-saro-wiwa-audio-archive>



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