



## Special Student Event

## Simulation on a Social Mission Virtual Reality (VR) Festival

The application of VR in health professions education, both for teaching technical skills and for broader clinical decision-making, has been a topic of discussion. A less known but emerging area of interest is the use of VR as a medium to witness, or be in the first-person perspective of, a social challenge through immersive storytelling. Although the use of VR in cognitive and behavioural sciences has been active for decades, increased mainstream attention is now arising on whether VR can raise awareness and improve education on social issues in health professions education.

The Steinberg Centre for Simulation and Interactive Learning (SCSIL) is inviting interested McGill Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences (FMHS) students to register to view curated VR experiences centered on such issues as racism, Indigenous health, and homelessness, to name a few. You will then be invited to provide a brief audio message with your feedback on: 1) your general impressions on the experiences viewed, and 2) whether you believe this may contribute to health professions education.

You will have the opportunity to view up to two (2) VR experiences of your choosing among the list below:

This special event entitled Simulation on a Social Mission Virtual Reality Festival will take place the week of June 12 (see dates and times below). Interested participants can self-register for a **one-hour timeslot** on the dates below using this <u>VR Booking Page</u>. There are 60 spots available. Priority will be given on a first come, first served basis.



- Monday, June 12 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Tuesday, June 13 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Thursday, June 15 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.



- Step to the Line
- MLK: Now is the Time
- Traveling While Black
- We Live Here

\*Experiences may be subject to change with new topics being added



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