



Law students meet in the virtual courtroom.

#PleitVRij

Why VR for skills training in legal education?

- Studens only practice their oral presentation skills in a plain classroom setting
 - Lack of contextualized environment
- Students feel unprepared and unneccesarily stressed for their final examination (presenting a plea)
 - Students prefer more training and more feedback
- Students lack improvisation skills (and prepare scripts)





Concept of the VR setting

- Virtual courtroom where students of 2 institutions meet live to train their pleading skills
 - 12 students per team (6 VU, 6 RUG)
 - 1 in role of lawyer (VU & RUG)
 - 1 in role of judge (RUG)
- Real time peer-feedback through our PleitVRij app
 - App is based on essential competences (didactical frame/rubric)
 - In collaboration with other Universities, the Training and Study Centre for the Judiciary and The Netherlands Bar Association
- Video recording of presentation (plea) of the lawyer
 - Students dowload their video and their peers' feedback via an url



Processing the VR sessions





Location 1 (Groningen): The judge

- Student sits in front of green screen
- Student sees pleading student (wearing the VR gear) on screen
- Session starts
- Student receives login code for peer feedback



Location 2 (Amsterdam & Groningen): Lawyer

- Students enter keywords
- Student wears VR gear
- Student starts with his/her plea/presentation
- Student receives login code for peer feedback



Location 3 and 4: peers (feedback) Amsterdam & Groningen

- Students give feedback through app (laptop or phone)
 - 5 stars rating (rubric) plus annotation twitter style 140 characters
 - Tip and top
- They see the student wearing VR gear

Location 2: Lawyer





View of student with VR Gear: Virtual Courtroom



Peer-Feedback (Amsterdam & Groningen)



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Technical details



First reactions

• Students

 Teachers & development team



Realistic Very cool to experience Weird, but cool I liked it and is was instructive Very scary Better than expected (Very) good exercise Interesting and innovational Good preparation Futuristic



Follow up



- Upscaling
 - Increased number of participating students at RUG & VU
 - 2020: Universiteit Utrecht joins in
 - Collaboration with the Training and Study Centre for the Judiciary
- Dissemination activities
 - Minisymposium in January 2020
 - Education days RUG & VU
 - Pre-conference VR-Days Europe, 12th of November

