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visor:immersive and NEXT GEN are pleased to announce the **VR101 Forum and Short Filmmaking Course**, supported through the [Screenwest Screen Industry Skills Development Fund](#).

The VR101 Forum and Short Filmmaking Course will run from March - June 2019. Expressions of interest are open now on the [visor:immersive website](#).

**visor:immersive** is a Perth-based company looking to embrace the sharp acceleration of virtual and augmented reality technology and combine this with the very best people and custom built facilities to deliver world class immersive experiences.

"visor:immersive and NEXT GEN are proud to be in partnership with Screenwest to explore virtual reality and 360 filmmaking," said Ian Hale, Creative Director of visor:immersive.

"We are excited to give emerging filmmakers the opportunity to develop new skills and complement existing knowledge with 360 cameras, storytelling, planning and producing supported by experienced practitioners - all to happen here, at the Backlot Perth".

Jasmine Leivers, Managing Director of NEXT GEN, added, "An important part of filmmaking is seeing audiences experience the work.

"That's one of the reasons we are excited to present the two short VR 360 films in the inaugural NEXT GEN & visor:immersive VR Short Film Festival at Revelation Film Festival 2019."

"Projects like [THE ANTARCTICA EXPERIENCE](#) and [THALU: DREAMTIME IS NOW](#) have given us a taste of what is possible with virtual reality and 360-degree filmmaking," said Screenwest Interim CEO Willie Rowe.

"VR is making filmmaking more immersive and interactive than ever before - we're excited to see even more VR projects come to life as a result of visor:immersive and NEXT GEN's hard work running these events."

## **Event Details**

### **VR101 Forum**

**Date:** Saturday, 30th March 2019

**Location:** The Backlot Perth, 21 Simpson St, West Perth WA 6005

This event will feature a panel of key WA representatives involved in virtual reality to create immersive experiences. The event will also explore the latest trends, technology and applications of VR and 360 degree filmmaking, including media, gaming, medical applications and engineering.

### **VR101 Short Filmmaking Course**

**Date:** Saturdays, 27th April - 29th June 2019

**Location:** The Backlot Perth, 21 Simpson St, West Perth WA 6005

This six-session short filmmaking course teaches storytelling techniques and technical skills to enable the production of VR 360 content, with hands-on experience from concept to distribution.

The course references the best of world class immersive experience through VR and 360 filmmaking. The course has local, national and international appeal and features industry guests and technical speakers, ideal for emerging filmmakers or those more experienced and seeking 360 experience.

During the practical aspect of the course, participants will develop short 360 films in groups. Each participant will be credited for their work and able to reference the films for showreels and portfolios.

The films will also be shown as part of NEXT GEN & visor:immersive VR Short Film Festival at Revelation Film Festival 2019.

Up to twenty (20) participants will be selected by application to participate in this fee-based course to be held at the Backlot Perth.

visor:immersive and NEXT GEN welcome everyone to attend the Industry Forum and apply to participate in the Course.

Expressions of interest for both events are open now at [www.visorimmersive.com](http://www.visorimmersive.com)  
Further details about the event will be released in coming months. Applications are due to open in early 2019.

The VR101 Forum and Short Filmmaking Course are supported by Screenwest through the Screen Industry Skills Development Fund. The events will be facilitated by local Producer, Jasmine Leivers of Sandbox Productions and Managing Director of NEXT GEN.

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## More Information

For more information about the **VR101 Forum and the VR101 Short Filmmaking Course** please contact Jasmine Leivers, Course Facilitator at [jasmine@visorimmersive.com](mailto:jasmine@visorimmersive.com).

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For more about **Revelation Film Festival** please visit <https://www.revelationfilmfest.org>.

For more about **Screenwest** please visit [www.screenwest.com.au](http://www.screenwest.com.au) and [subscribe to the Screenwest newsletter](#).

The Screen Industry Skills Development Fund is designed to provide support to not for profit screen industry organisations, established production companies and experienced industry practitioners to deliver professional skills development opportunities to Western Australian screen practitioners.

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