



REGIONAL SIMULATION AND HUMAN FACTORS PROJECT

**NEWSLETTER
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Do you have news, views, 'asks for' or 'offers of' support? Contact ksssim@canterbury.ac.uk to contribute to the next newsletter &/or SimNet meeting.

SIMULATED PERSON TRAINING – OCTOBER 2023



Our October test of the new Simulated Person programme brought together eager participants and seasoned trainers intent on increasing the regional provision of simulated people for simulation. A diverse group of participants underwent training to become entry-level simulated individuals ready to contribute to simulation for health & care. We are already booking places and have more training days in the diary.

The success of the Simulated Person Training Day underscores the growing demand for immersive and effective training solutions, participants have not only gained valuable skills but also become part of a dynamic community poised to contribute to simulated practice for health & care.



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Thank you to those who were able to join the live SimNet meeting in October. For those who were not able to join, the recording is now available via YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BncLUJwbxoY> Make sure you subscribe so that you are alerted when we post items. The next SimNet meeting will be held on afternoon Thursday 8 February 2024. Please let us know if you have a news item – or a question or problem for our community.

ASPIH – NOVEMBER 2023

In November our team attended the ASPIH conference in Brighton for 3 incredible days of networking, learning, and discussion. The focus of the ASPIH conference this year was to become more mindful of how we develop, use and succession plan within our healthcare simulation services. The focus being a sustainable system to support quality in simulation activity that enhances patient safety and quality. It was great to see so many attending and joining in the keynote presentations and breakout sessions. The conference will inform future healthcare simulation practice amongst the ASPIH network and beyond. The next ASPIH conference will take place in Edinburgh Nov 3-5 with a Transformative Simulation Theme. More information can be found here: <https://aspihconference.co.uk/>
The Transformative Simulation paper is here: <https://www.ijohs.com/article/doi/10.54531/tzfd6375#>



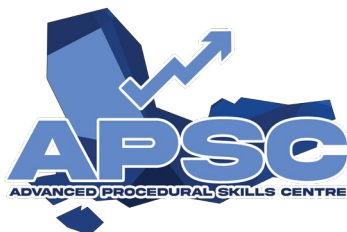
APSC: PHARMACY SKILLS TRAINING DAY – NOVEMBER 2023

The Advanced Procedural Skills team designed & delivered a Pharmacy Skills Training Day for ~ 20 Pharmacy Students at our Verena Holmes Campus in Canterbury. Faculty provided didactic content and supported practice on physiological assessment, consent, blood pressure monitoring, peripheral oxygen saturation, conscious level, etc.

The Advanced Procedural Skills Centre (APSC) and team are now fully formed, ready to meet your training needs, and collaborate towards excellence in all aspects of simulation for health and care. Whether you are just starting out; an expert pursuing Mastery in a career of life-long learning; an educator addressing simulation as an untapped pedagogic tool; an investigator seeking a safe tool for probing for latent threats or opportunities for improvement and transformation; we may have the platform for your endeavours and stand ready to offer expert support and guidance.

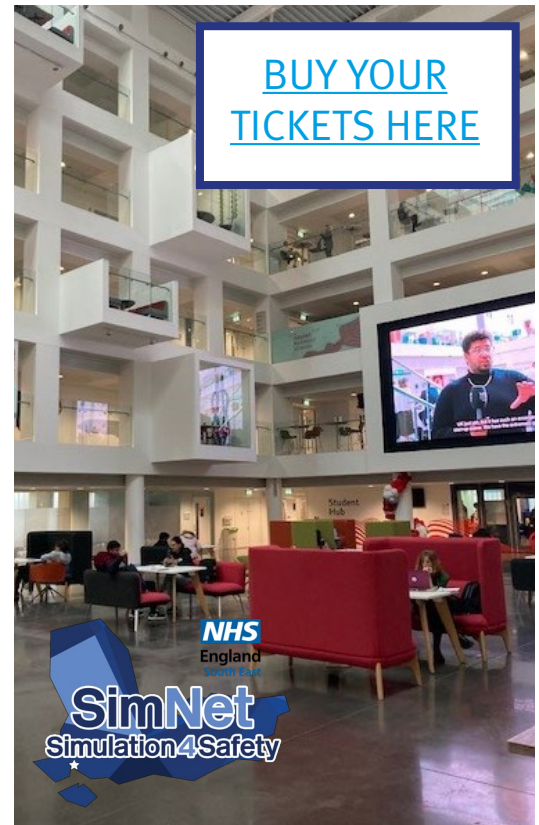
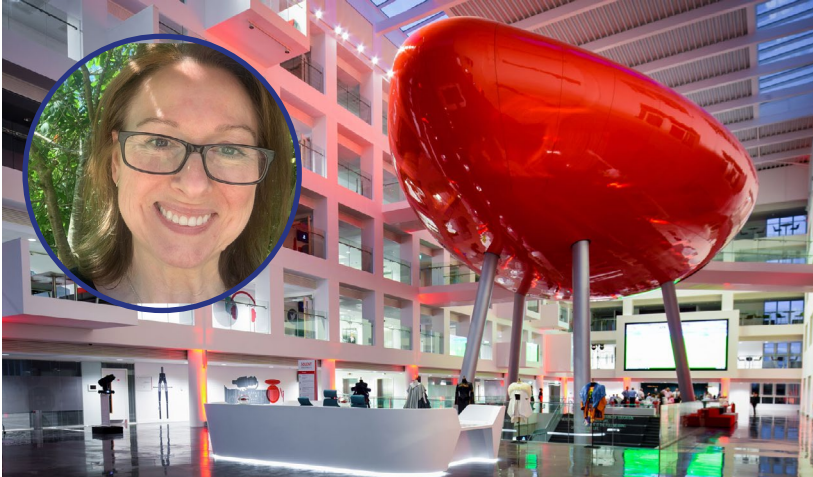
Our APSC is a centre of excellence for state-of-the-art advanced procedural skills training, immersive simulation, clinical human factors, and healthcare simulation pedagogy, theory, and research.

Hosted by CCCU within the modern, light, airy Rowan Williams Court building on the Medway Campus (ME4 4UF), which has good car parking and travel connections and offers everything needed to host a course, including Refectory, Lecture Theatres, Seminar Rooms, Simulation Suite, and can be available until late into the evening, 7 days a week.



CONFERENCE UPDATES

Tickets for the NHS E SE Simulation 4 Safety Conference are being snapped up! Early bird tickets are on sale, and abstracts will be accepted, until 1 January 2024. We welcome posters, presentations, and workshops. Please have a look at our new conference [website](#), we add new information there regularly and you can get up to date on news, keynotes, timetables and most importantly how to book your tickets! Conference spans across 2 days on the latter part of 22nd followed by the day of 23rd May at the wonderful Southampton Solent



CONFERENCE CHARITY



We are delighted to be supporting CLAPA as our chosen conference charity this year! The Cleft Lip & Palate Association (CLAPA) is the only charity providing support to individuals and families affected by cleft lip and/or palate (cleft) in the UK. From the moment of diagnosis, CLAPA is there, offering reassurance, information, and building a welcoming community for families, children, and adults born with a cleft.

By supporting CLAPA through the SIM 4 SAFETY CONFERENCE, you are contributing to a cause that directly impacts the lives of those affected by cleft.

Together, we can make a difference in breaking down barriers, providing support, and creating a more inclusive and understanding society for everyone.

Thank you for joining us in supporting CLAPA and making a positive impact on the lives of individuals born with a cleft.



We are holding a raffle to WIN a ticket to SimNet 2025 PLUS the extra day with exciting events AND a three course dinner plus drinks! Tickets are just £1 or 15 or £10. More prizes to be added. Tickets can be bought at <https://www.justgiving.com/page/simnetticketsraffle>

DATES FOR THE DIARY

SimNet Online meeting Thursday 8 February 14.00 – 16.30

Simulation 4 Safety Conference: 22 & 23 May Solent University, Southampton.

Opportunities!

Put forward your news for the Online meeting: contact ksssim@canterbury.ac.uk
Join the S4Safety Conference Committee. Help evaluate abstracts, chair conference sessions, and mark presentations for feedback & prizes. Committee members get free registration for the 23rd conference day. Contact ksssim@canterbury.ac.uk



MEET THE TEAM

We would like to introduce you to our excellent team!



Dr Sue Plummer is Director for the Institute of Medical Sciences and is the Campus Director for the Medway campus.



Andy Buttery is the Regional Simulation and Human Factors Project Lead, working to build a collaborative community of practice with specific objectives in Simulation for Mental Health (S4MH), Faculty Development in Simulation and Human Factors, and Simulated Patients/People (SNIPS).



Sarah Keeling-Smith started at the university as a Senior PA to the Pro Vice Chancellor in 2010 and then became a Project Administrator in 2013 for various EU Interreg Projects such as CASCADE and DWELL. She began working on the Regional Simulation and Human Factors Project in May 2021 and became Project Manager in January 2023.



Isobel Clarke joined Canterbury Christ Church University in April 2021 as Clinical Fellow in Simulation for Mental Health responsible for design, delivery, and evaluation of the Sim4MentalHealth programme.



James Barber is a CCCU graduate and has returned as our Senior Specialist Simulation Technician after 5 years as a Paramedic with the South East Coast Ambulance Service.



Toby is the newest member of the Regional Simulation Project Team. He will be working as a Simulation Technician with James Barber in the APSC.

ENGAGE WITH US

