

Post-event report for Summer Recruitment Fair - Kuwait 6 July 2015 – Kuwait City

Thank you for your participation at the Summer Recruitment Fair in Kuwait on 6 July 2015 at the Sheraton Four Points in Kuwait City. The purpose of this report is to provide you with a summary of the event, including visitor and exhibitor feedback as well as other useful information.

The aim of the tour was to provide opportunity to last minute potential students to the UK for this academic year. Looking at the market where scholarships results are announced during mid-summer break, students/parents are actively looking for academic places in the UK. The tour included eight UK institutions offering various opportunities from English language, foundation, UG up to PhD level. The key target audience for this event was the high school (thanawiya) students mainly from the public schools holding scholarship awards, and professionals looking for PG and professional courses. The fair was open to public at all times and later for three hours and thirty minutes.

We also had invited a local student organisation looking after student's affairs in the UK and Ireland to support visitors with country and cultural information. There were UK alumni present at all times at their booth for any support to fresh students accepted onto a course in the UK.

We had received around **165 visitors** during this event mainly potential student along with their parents, thanks in part to the marketing campaign (details listed below in the marketing section)

The event, themed around the Summer Recruitment fair, hosted representatives from 8 UK institutions (Listed below in section), that positively engaged with prospective students, and visitors, providing the audience with information on "details on courses offered and on spot offers".

At British Council, we highly appreciate your support, and hope to see you at our next event/exhibition.

Regards,

Imran Yousaf | Projects Manager, Kuwait

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Highlights

This mini fair was held at the following venue/time/date...

Venue(s)	Four Points Sheraton – 6 July 2015
Opening hours	21:00 - 00:30
Stand costs	995GBP; excluding VAT / 10% discount for institutions attending both Qatar and Kuwait events

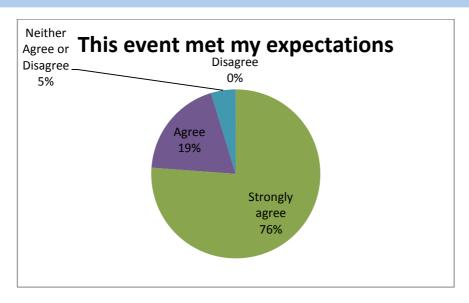
Visitors Profile

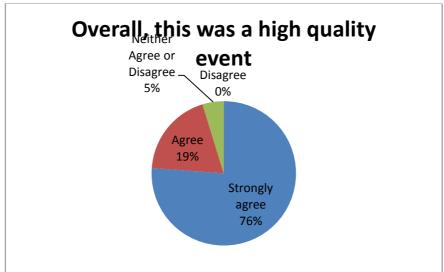
Of the total number of visitors, 80% were Kuwaitis, and 20% non-Kuwaitis

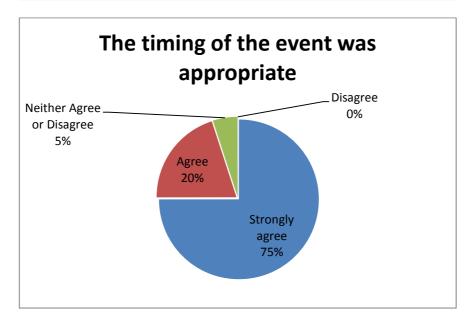
70% of the visitors were less than 25 years old

66% looking for UG courses (including foundation level) and 34% were looking for PG level courses especially PhD's

Visitor Survey







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Marketing

A targeted marketing approach was undertaken to reach a wider audience through our digital campaigns and offline advertising. We utilised our and paid E-Shots, Facebook (boosted campaigns), Instagram, and our website to reach out to the audience through digital marketing and published ads in both Arabic and English newspaper close to the event. We also produced roll ups and flyers, which were placed, in our office a week before the event. National television KTV was also invited to the event, which covered the complete event, which was on air few days later. This coverage included interview from British Council (Imran Yousaf) some exhibitors and visitors at the event.

This campaign had a very positive impact and almost 160 + visitors visited the mini fair, which was merely 3.5 hours long. Majority visitors found out about the mini fair through newspapers, social media, and friends (and family) when asked.

A total of £6,500 was spent on Marketing for this mini fair

Our marketing reached an estimated audience of 1.5 Million people

E-Shot to over a million active users in Kuwait in both Arabic and English.



Print media Ads:









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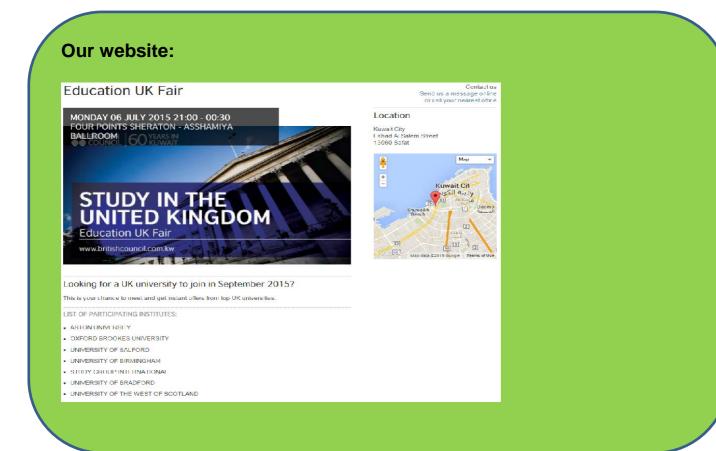




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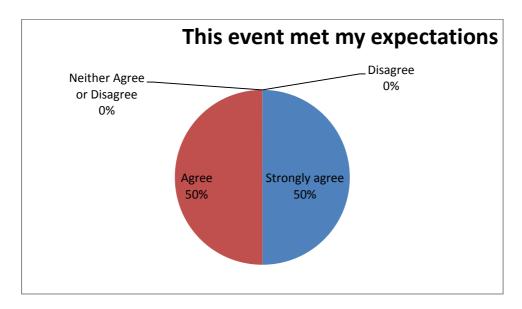
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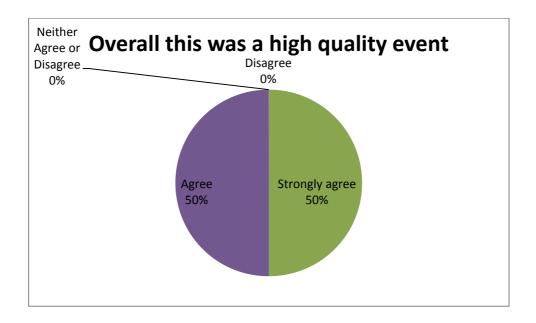


Exhibitor's Feedback

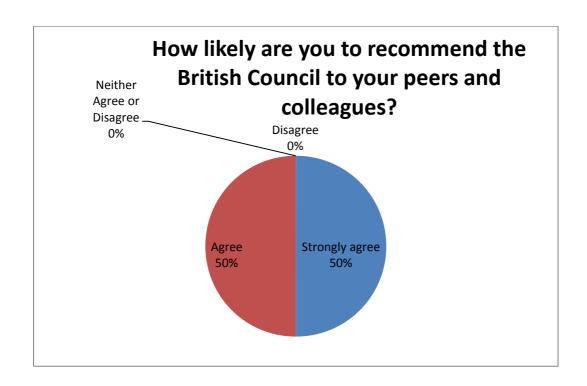
Expectations



Quality



Recommendation



Some positive quotes from exhibitors:

- A very worthwhile tour that was efficiently planned
- A well-arranged and well-attended event
- Good number of visitors and good quality questions
- A very effective event for last minute student recruitment

Recommendations from exhibitors:

- Number of hours could have been longer.
- Event Handbook was made available late, which affects planning of our schedules.

List of Exhibitors (Alphabetical Order):

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1	Aston University
2	Coventry University
3	University of Birmingham
4	University of Bradford
5	University of Salford
6	University of West of Scotland
7	Study Group
8	Oxford Brookes University

Future steps

There are several areas that both British Council and the UK institutions can work on to improve the overall arrangement and outcomes of the tour. The main findings and recommended next steps are outlined below:

British Council

- Going forward, British Council (Country) will better coordinate our schedule with the region and tie-in our own exhibition with other regional countries' events, to enable exhibitors to maximize their time and budget in a single trip.
- The success of this event lied on the result of the scholarships and due to lack of clarifications we could not plan for this event in advance, hence there was a delay in sending the events handbook. As this was the first time, we had conducted a recruitment event this time of the year, and due to its success and popularity amongst students, we will plan a similar event next year in collaboration with the Ministry of Higher Education. We will also make sure the event handbook is reached a month prior to the event.
- We will hold this event during the pre-departure session of MoHE to increase our reach and target more students.

UK Institutions

- It is suggested that institutions invite their alumni to attend future exhibitions and share stories of their life in UK with the visitors.
- Although the event was titles On Spot admissions- It was brought to our attention that some of the students were not offered on spot offers (conditional/unconditional) by some institutions.

The above points, though important, should not detract from what was a successful tour. Our next Education UK exhibitions will be;

16- 17 September – Business and Finance (Mini Fair) – Subject specific3 – 4 November – Engineering study tour (Mini Fair) – Subject specific

And, our flagship event

16 – 17 March 2016 - EDUKEX 2016 (Exhibition)



Visitors waiting for consultations fddf



Al Rayah Student representatives answering students enquiries

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One-to- one consultation





Kuwait TV covering the event