

Post-event report for

Summer Recruitment Fair - Kuwait

26 June 2016 – Kuwait City

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Introduction

Thank you for your participation at the Summer Recruitment Fair in Kuwait on 26 June 2016 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. We trust that this report will enable you to report return on investment and assist with future decision-making.

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 midsummer break, students/parents are actively looking for academic places in the UK. The tour included 18 UK institutions (10 more from last year) 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 for three hours and thirty minutes. IELTS team also participated in the event.

We also had invited a local student organisation looking after student's affairs in the UK and Ireland (National Union of Kuwait Students UK) 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 over 500 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 18 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" etc.

At British Council, we highly appreciate your support, and hope that we can continue to provide valuable marketing services in terms of both our exhibitions and our range of other targeted activities during the year. We hope to see you again at our next event/exhibition.

Regards,

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This mini fair was held at the following venue/time/date	
Venue(s)	Four Points Sheraton – 26 June 2016
Opening hours	21:00 - 00:30
Stand costs	1095GBP; excluding VAT / 10% discount for institutions attending both Qatar and Kuwait events

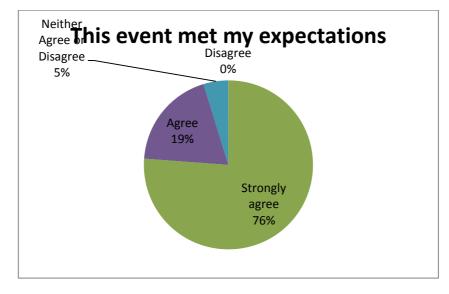
Visitors Profile

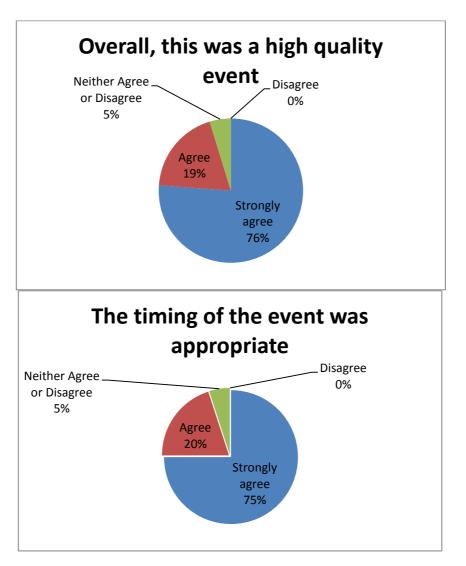
Of the total number of visitors, 80% were Kuwaitis, and 20% non-Kuwaitis

85% of the visitors were less than 25 years old

76% looking for UG courses (including foundation level) and 24% 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 Eshots, facebook (boosted campaigns), Instgtram, 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.

This campaign had a very positive impact and almost 500 + 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.

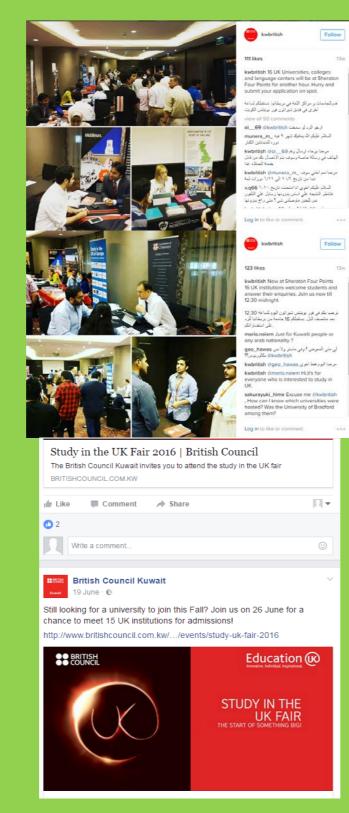


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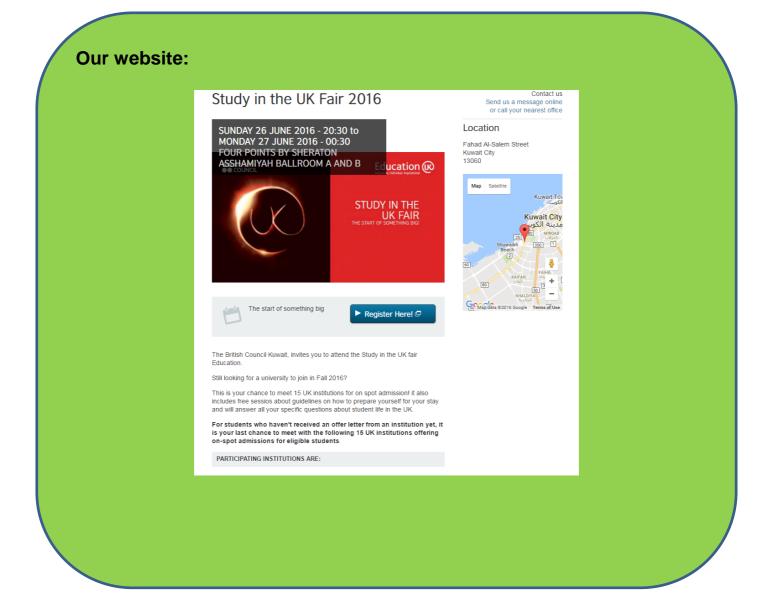


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Online: Facebook, and Instagram

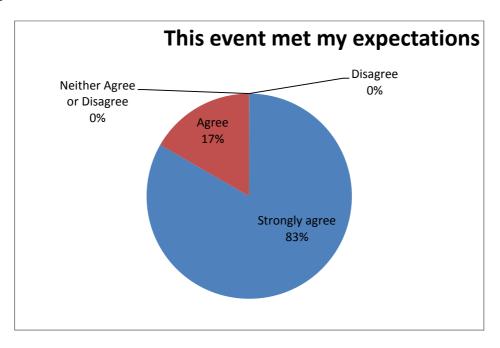




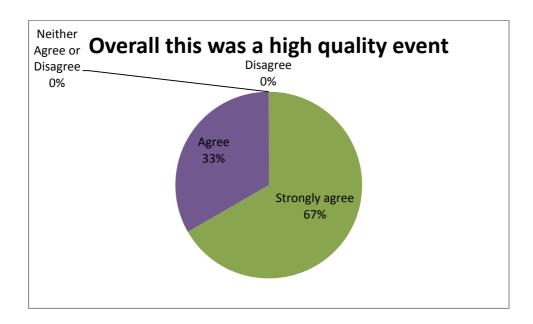


Exhibitor's Feedback

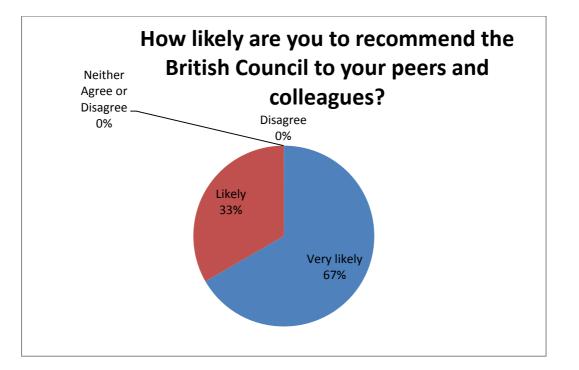
Expectations



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
- This is a good event to attend to meet prospective students and meet offer holders

Recommendations from exhibitors:

- Number of hours could have been longer. •
- A two day event should be considered •
- Event Handbook was made available late, which affects planning of our schedules. •
- A market brief at the beginning should be added

List of Exhibitors (Alphabetical Order):

1	Aston University
2	University of Plymouth
3	University of Leeds
4	University of Chester
5	University of Kent
6	Study Group International
7	Glasgow Caledonian University
8	Teesside University
9	University of Birmingham
10	York St John University
11	University of Northampton
12	University of Bradford
13	University of Essex
14	Kaplan International English
15	Liverpool John Moore University
16	University of Essex
17	Middlesex University
18	University of Bristol

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.
- 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:

15 - 16 March 2017 – Education UK Exhibition EDUKEX 2017





Visitors waiting for consultations





One-to- one consultation



NUKS Student representatives answering students enquiries

End of Report