Post event report for Education is Great exhibition at AULA, Spain.

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Introduction

The exhibition from 5-7 March in Madrid attracted 5% of overall visitors to AULA. Overall interested visitors to our space totalled around 3.500 with many more passing through or making general enquires about Education in the UK . AULA received a total of 126.973 visitors. These were made up of the following:

Total no of school groups	1,513.
	State school sector 57%
	Private school sector 30%
	State subsidised private sector 13%
Total no of students accompanied by	59,280 (27.26% increase on 2014)
teachers (group visits)	
Total no of students accompanied by	67,693 (7.23% increase on 2014)
parents (individual visits)	,

There were 22 UK institutions (19 universities and 2 FE colleges plus British Council exams and teaching centres) exhibiting at AULA this year. British Council also set up 3 general Education information points for visitors: one at the front entrance, one at the centre of the section and one at the exit of the section. There was also a fun photocall at the centre which helped dynamise our area, attracting further visitors.

The exhibition was supported by the British Embassy in Spain and funding for distinctive branding was secured by British Council Spain's bid to the UK Government's GREAT campaign. Branding at AULA greatly aided visibility of the Education UK area.

A series of talks were scheduled during the 3 days however the space provided and the amount of other exhibitors offering talks soon made evident that they were not going to be popular and we decided to open that space for access to main area instead. We offered a general talk in the main information forum at 13.30 on Saturday 7th May which was very well attended (full – around 80-100 seats).

Levels of satisfaction amongst visitors was very high however exhibitors expressed disappointment with the overall quality of visitors and subsequent leads generated at AULA, with a few very successful exhibitors. Further information is provided on page...

1.0 Highlights

22 booths representing UK institutions at a fully branded section within AULA, strategically positioned next to the 3 highest profile Spanish Universities (Complutense, Alcalá, Politecnica).

A team of 10 British Council specialist staff supported UK exhibitors and AULA visitors over the 3 day exhibition.







2.0 Media coverage and promotion of exhibition.

British Council Spain coordinated a multichannel promotion campaign for the Education is Great exhibition

2.1 All <u>national press</u> (paid and free) reported the UK presence at AULA and editorial copy was prepared for daily national "La Razón".









2.2 Digital promotion was carried out via AULA's official website, British Council Spain digital promotion channels: Web, Facebook (24.000 followers), Twitter and Newsletters (40,000 contacts).

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3.0. Segmented database marketing via British Council Spain's contacts was carried out.

Main targets were:

17 British Schools in Madrid personalised mail to school leaders.
64 Bilingual state schools in Madrid – personalised mail to school leaders
Exams Dept candidates (IELTS) (35,000) – item carried in newsletter and special bulletin promoting free tickets to AULA.



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Hi All

Another busy month with **AULA** and **TESOL-Spain** this week! Famelab is back and in Barcelona. Don't miss it! Good luck too if you enter our great **Premier Skills** competition for Teachers, looking forward to seeing whose entries are shared the most.

Best wishes

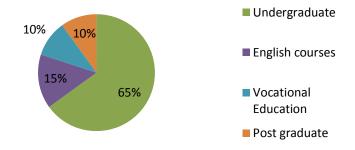
British University Fair at AULA 5 - 7 March. IFEMA Madrid.



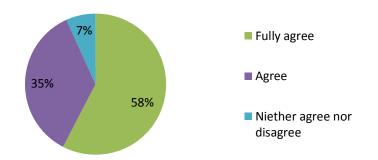
If you are thinking about going to the UK to study a degree, Masters programme or English course then don't miss our Education is Great section at AULA this year. 22 UK institutions will be available on Thursday, Friday and Saturday to help you decide on the best course for you. See you there!

3.0 Visitor feedback showed high levels of satisfaction and advocacy for Education is Great section

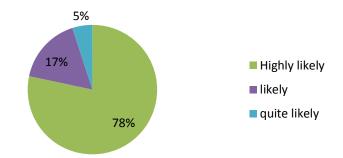
1. What type of studies are you interested in?



2. My expectations were met



3. Would you recommend this exhibition?



4.0 Exhibitor feedback was mixed about AULA impact.

Good points:

British Council services were highly praised and valued. We looked after you well!

Branding and visibility of Education UK section was highly regarded. Superb presentation of booths.

Not so good:

General low quality of enquiries, prospects and levels of English. The audience at AULA was less engaged overall with the option of studying HE programmes in the UK.

The exhibition was too long.

AULA facilities were not of high quality (wifi, catering, facilities).

Leads generation was disappointing.

Future exhibition marketing opportunities in Spain.

UK exhibitors at AULA have confirmed that Spain is either a high or medium priority area for their institutions and British Council in Spain will continue to support their marketing objectives via:

- annual British Council exhibition in October
- roadshows for a reduced group of exhibitors
- presentations as commissioned by UK institutions

We believe that AULA was an excellent vehicle for **awareness raising** on the UK education sector amongst Spanish 16 – 18 year olds. We are not considering at the moment organising a full section of UK offer within AULA next year and the feedback received shows that value for money was not what we expected. However, we believe that the potential for impact in the long term is enormous and will explore the best ways to benefit from future editions of the AULA Fair for awareness raising and general promotion of the UK's Education offer. We need to identify ways that enable us to participate at zero cost with limited support from UK institutions.

With around 9,000 Spanish HE students in the UK each year (a figure which is increasing annually by 5%), we are still far from having reached the general student with information about what the UK HE system can offer. Events like Aula are essential for awareness raising but it is hard to identify ways in which we can take this opportunity at zero cost to the UK.

The following chart highlights the difference in level of visitor engagement between AULA and BC Education Fair (October):

