

Post-event report for

Education UK Ghana

15th – 16th September 2016 British Council Auditorium, Accra

Introduction

Thank you for your participation at the Education UK exhibition in **Ghana** in **September 2016** at the **British Council** in Accra.

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.

Education UK mini exhibitions are one of the biggest educational exhibitions held annually in Ghana and is always eagerly awaited by prospective students. The event targeted prospective students, parents, guardians and school counsellors seeking information and admission for themselves and their wards. The Exhibition hosted representatives from 11 UK institutions (Listed below in page 14), that positively engaged with the prospective students, visitors, parents and school counsellors, providing the audience with information on "educational opportunities and subject choices" on a first hand basis. Colleagues from the British High Commission and the IELTS team also participated in the exhibition. The 2 day exhibition was held for international schools and the general public respectively.

The event attracted **764 visitors** from the two day exhibition.

The event, themed "Your Journey begins here" targeted young people aged between 15-40 comprising

- graduates/undergraduates of universities and polytechnics
- students from International Schools in Ghana
- young professionals in the public and private sectors seeking career development and/or training opportunities
- relevant key decision makers within government, business and private sector, career counsellors, parents and the general public

Seminars were held throughout the exhibition and were well attended. British Council Scholarships, IELTS and Student Visas received the most attendees. There were also presentations delivered by representatives from some of the UK institutions. Course matrixes were made available to the students and visitors.

Regards,

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Highlights

There were -

11 UK INSTITUTIONS

764 VISITORS

attending the exhibition...

This exhibition was held at the following venue/time/date...

Venue	British Council Auditorium	
Opening hours	10:00-18:00 on first day and 12:00 – 18:00 on second day	
Stand costs	£ 1560	

A number of successful seminars were held, covering such topics as...

- Student Visa
- British Council Scholarships
- Science/Engineering & Building Technology
- Business & Administrative Studies
- IELTS and CIE

International Schools that participated on the first day of the exhibition:

- 1. East Airport International School
- 2. Al-Rayan International School
- 3. Golden Sunbeam International School
- 4. Tema International School
- 5. British International School

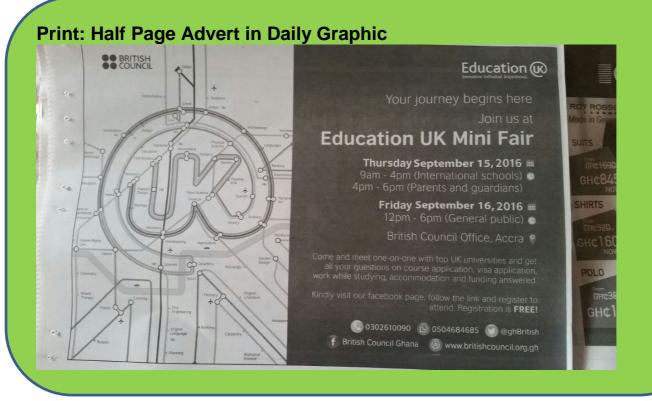
- 6. Galaxy International School
- 7. Penfield School
- 8. Delhi Public School
- 9. Delhi Public School
- 10. Delhi Public School

Marketing

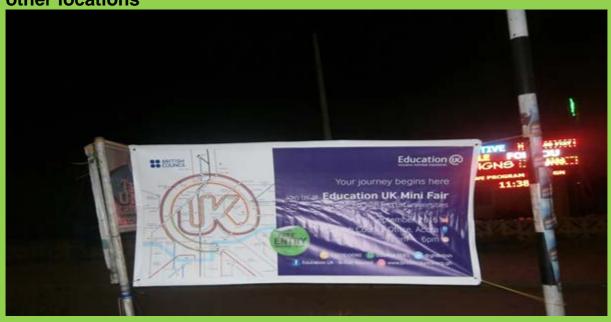
2,012 visitors registered on the VRS (Visitor Registration System)

Our digital marketing reached an audience of over 18 Million people

Media	Estimated Number of Persons Reached
Radio - Joy FM	2,000,000 - 3,000,000
Radio - Sweet melodies FM	90,000
Radio - Peace FM	5,000,000 - 6,500,000
Activations	1,192
Daily Graphic Newspaper	100,000 - 150,000 publications sold daily



Outdoor: Banner hanged at University of Ghana, Legon as well as other locations







Online: British Council Ghana and Education UK British Council Facebook pages. Boosted posts on all participating Universities











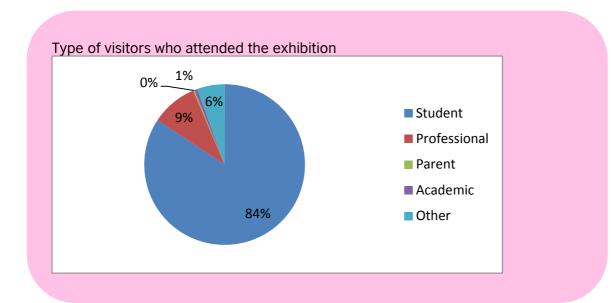
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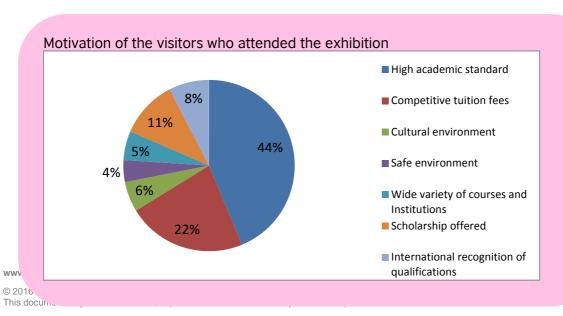
Visitors' profile

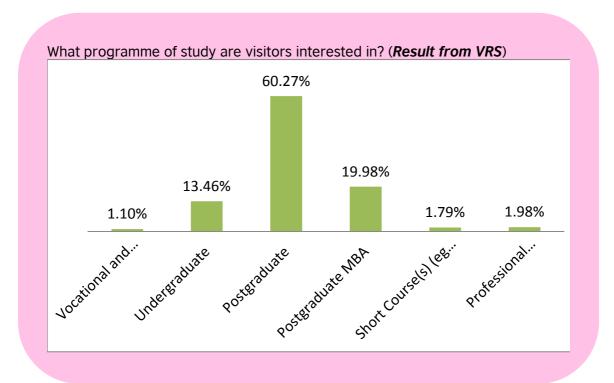
Approximately 14% of visitors are looking for **Undergraduate Education**

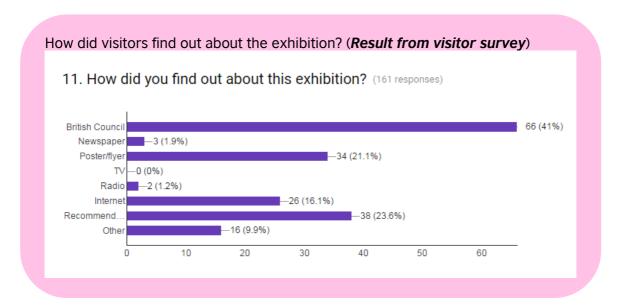
Approximately 60% of the visitors preferred Postgraduate Education

Of the total registered numbers 65% were male, 35% were female









Visitor's Feedback

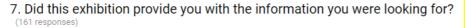
An online survey was carried out during the exhibition. **161** visitors answered the questionnaires. The questions were designed to gather quantitative statistics as well as qualitative remarks on reactions to our exhibition and the decision making process – See Appendix **C**.

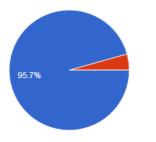
When the visitors were asked "Will you be applying to a UK institution following the exhibition?" 100% said yes

When the visitors were asked "How would you rate the quality of service/s you have received?" 37% said excellent, 57% said good, 6% average.

When the visitors were asked "Did the exhibition provide you with the Information you were looking for" <u>95.7% said yes, 4.3% said no</u>

Yes





Exhibitor's Feedback

At the exhibition there were 11 unique exhibitors from UK HEIs; this

When exhibitors were asked "Will you be attending a similar exhibition next year?" 100% said yes

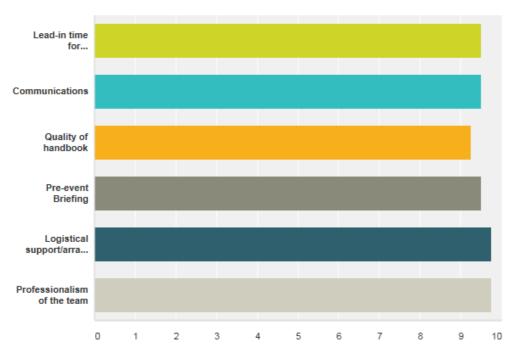
Some positive quotes from exhibitors:

- A well-arranged and well-attended event
- Good number of visitors who asked good quality questions
- The market briefing session provided useful information
- The British Council staff were wonderful
- Venue was suitable for the event

When exhibitors were asked:

Please rate the following aspects of the British Council

Answered: 4 Skipped: 0



Some recommendations from exhibitors:

- It would be helpful if British Council includes the January intake in the marketing campaign. This will enable the students (PG) that missed out on September to apply for January.
- Event could have finished an hour earlier on the Thursday.

Some negative quotes from exhibitors:

Venue was too cold

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 exhibition. The main findings and recommended next steps are outlined below:

British Council

- British Council understands the importance of providing value-added services to the exhibitors, thus we are planning to hold a networking event with some HE stakeholders, and international school counselors, in order to provide a platform for UK institutions and these stakeholders to meet up, and identify possible collaboration opportunities.
- British Council will include the January intake in the marketing campaign. This will enable the students (PG) that missed out on September to apply for January.

UK Institutions

- It is suggested that institutions read the **Exhibition Handbook** and also take note of their itinerary provided in their welcome pack and emails sent before ahead of time.
- Exhibitors should endeavor to provide British Council staff with their flight and accommodation details whether they fall within the British Council recommended hotels or not.
- Many visitors commented that scholarships opportunities were very low. We recommend institutions to look at ways of providing some sort of scholarship or discount and highlight these during future exhibitions.

The above points, though important, should not detract from what was a successful exhibition. Next year's exhibition (**Currently Scheduled for 6-10 February 2017**) will build upon the lessons learned and prove even more popular. We hope to see you there!

Appendix

List of exhibitors (Alphabetical Order)

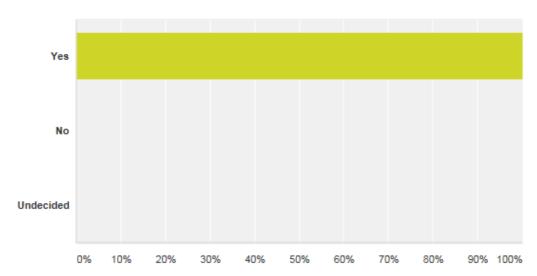
Appendix A



Appendix B

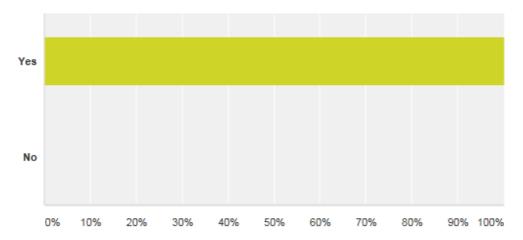
Would you consider coming back to the next British Council exhibition in Ghana?





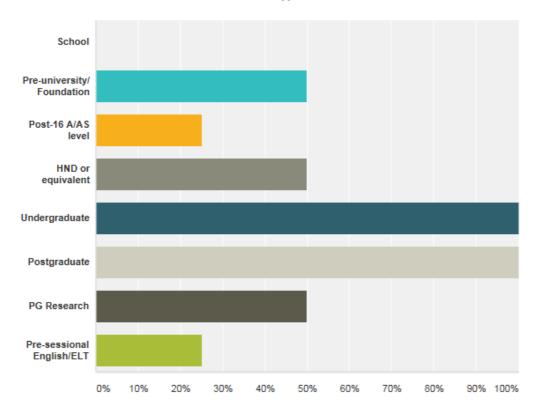
Was the (calendar) timing of this event right for you?

Answered: 4 Skipped: 0



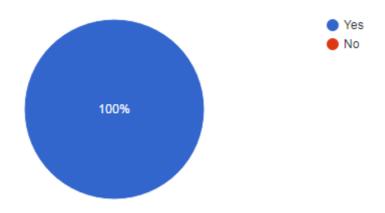
What was your primary market interest for this event (tick all that apply)

Answered: 4 Skipped: 0

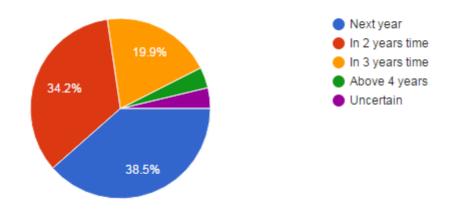


Appendix C

Will you be making an application to study in the UK? (161 responses)



. When do you plan to study in the UK? (161 responses)



How would you rate the quality of service/s you have received?

(161 responses)

