

Post-event report for Nigeria Education UK Exhibition 2016 22 September 2016 Calabar

Introduction

Thank you for your participation at the first Education UK exhibition in Calabar, South South **Nigeria** in **September 2016** at the **Transcorp Calabar Hotel** in Calabar.

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 event, targeted at the HE market, hosted representatives from **30 UK institutions** (Listed below in page 11), that positively engaged with **prospective students/visitors/partners**, providing the audience with information on **educational opportunities**, **subject choices**, choosing a UK institution, scholarship opportunities etc.

The event attracted over **548 visitors** thanks in part to the concurrent activities of the British Council in Cross Rivers state and a career information session held at the University of Calabar the day before the exhibition. Alongside the main exhibition, a series of **seminars** were also held, with topics covered including an IELTS information session 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 also our range of other targeted activities during the year. We hope to see you again at our next exhibition.

Regards,

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Highlights

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

Venue(s)	Transcorp Hotel, Calabar - 22 September 2016		
Opening hours	11:00-16:00		

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

- Your career path in Tourism
- Part-time work opportunities in the UK
- IELTS Information Session









Visitors' profile

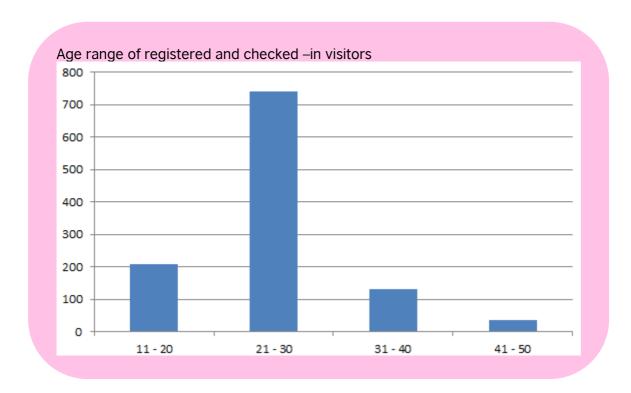
38% of visitors are looking for Postgragraduate Higher Education
27% of visitors are looking for Undergraduate studies

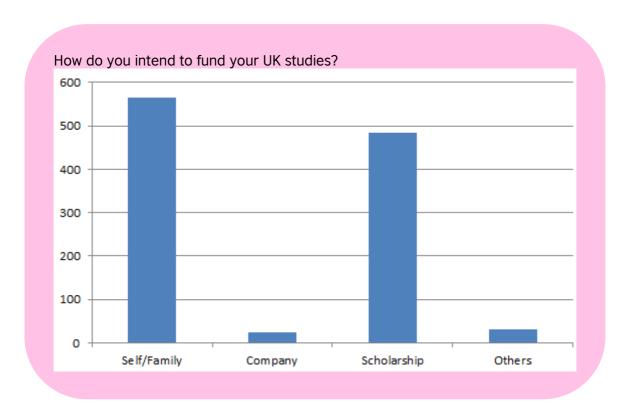
64% of the visitors were **Students** while 11% were **professionals**.

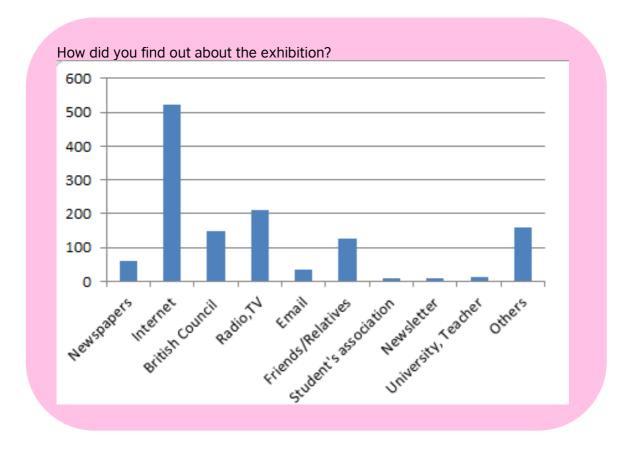
Of the total visitor numbers 69% were male, 30% were female.

Top four courses visitors were interested in:

Health and Medicine
Engineering and Technology
Business and Administrative studies
Computer and Mathematical sciences







Marketing

Our marketing was targeted at the South South region and reached an estimated audience of 2 Million people

The campaign generated a total of 33,597 clicks to the registration page

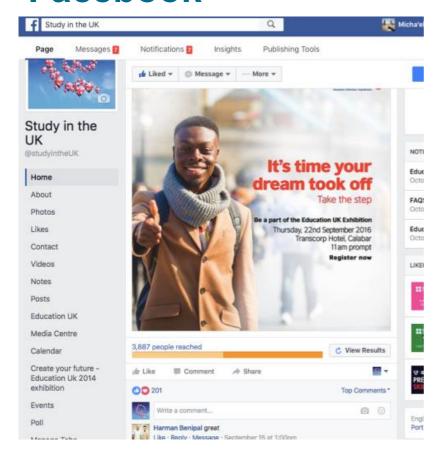
Examples of the marketing Include ...

Twitter



Tweet preview			
Summary for 2 items			
British Council @ngBritish · Sep 13 If you live in Calabar and environs, this is your opportunity to get guidance on living and studying in the UK. Calabar > Untitled	61,276		
British Council @ngBritish · Sep 13 If you live in Calabar and environs, this is your opportunity to get guidance on living and studying in the UK. Calabar > Untitled	82,849		

Facebook



BBM



Nairaland online forum



Blog posts



Saturday, September 17, 2016 Don't Miss the first Education UK Exhibition in Calabar - Register



Over 30 representatives of UK institutions are visiting Calabar this month to give prospective students an opportunity to get an international education. If you live in Calabar and environs, this is your opportunity to discuss your study options, get scholarship information and first-hand guidance on living and studying in the UK.

The exhibition, hosted by the British Council, is the first in South-South Nigeriaand is a platform to interact with representatives from these top UK institutions on tuition fees, courses, scholarships and lots more.

The UK hosts four of the world's top ten universities, and welcomes over 500,000 international students from over 200 countries every other year, so why should you be left out?It's time your dream took off!

Take the step by registering to attend the exhibition at https://ng.edukexhibition.org

Date: Thursday, 22nd September 2016 Venue: Transcorp Hotel, Calabar

Time: 11am - 4pm

Print



TV & Radio



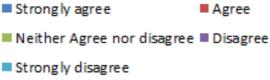


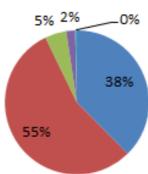
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Visitor's Feedback

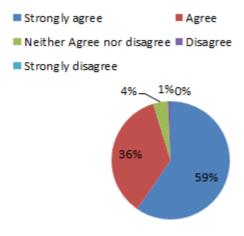
A printed survey was distributed during the exhibition. The questions were designed to gather quantitative statistics as well as qualitative remarks on reactions to our exhibition and the decision making process.

When the visitors were asked if the exhibition met their expectations, 93% agreed and strongly agreed.





95% of the visitors agreed and strongly agreed that they have acquired new information about studying in the UK through the exhibition



Exhibitor's Feedback

At the exhibition there were 31 unique exhibitors from UK HEIs

When exhibitors were asked "Will you be attending a similar exhibition next year?" 75% of respondents said YES.

Exhibitors were asked whether overall, this was a high quality exhibition. 12.5% said Strongly agree, 75% said agree, 12.5% neither agrees nor disagree.

Exhibitor Comments

- · A very worthwhile event that was efficiently planned
- The Wi-Fi/internet access was very good
- Good number of visitors who asked good quality questions
- The market briefing session provided useful information
- The team did a good job for a first time event in Calabar
- The exhibition costs should be reduced
- Hotel services were not high standard
- The exhibition should be tied to a bigger exhibition in another city
- British Council should emphasize in the marketing that UK universities offer a January intake for students that missed out of the September intake

List of Exhibitors:

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1	The University Of Nottingham	26	The University Of Liverpool
2	Aberystwyth University	27	University Of Sussex
3	The University Of Northampton	28	Nottingham Trent University
	Durham University		International Study Centres (UK
4		29	& EU) / Bellerbys College
5	Robert Gordon University	30	University Of Huddersfield
6	De Montfort University		
7	Teesside University		
8	Keele University		
9	University Of Kent		
10	Coventry University		
11	Middlesex University London		
12	Cardiff University		
13	Edinburgh Napier University		
14	Glasgow Caledonian University		
15	Brunel University London		
16	University Of Glasgow		
17	Cardiff Metropolitan University		
18	Swansea University		
19	University Of Leeds		
20	University Of East Anglia		
21	University Of East London		
22	University Of Birmingham		
23	Birmingham City University		
24	University Of Aberdeen		
25	BPP 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 exhibition. The main findings and recommended next steps are outlined below:

British Council

- For the next exhibitions, we will consider focusing on new cities to expand reach and serve new audiences in other regions of Nigeria.
- In light of the falling Naira prices, we will evaluate the cost effectiveness and possibility of changing the exhibition format itself to provide more value for visitors.
- British Council understands the importance of providing value-added services to the
 exhibitors, thus we will consider networking events with local agents and school
 heads, in order to provide a platform for UK institutions and agents to meet up, and
 identify possible collaboration opportunities.
- Going forward, British Council Nigera 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.

UK Institutions

- It is suggested that institutions invite their alumni to attend future exhibitions and share stories of their UK experience with the visitors.
- Institutions should consider aim to provide the BC with a subject matrix prior to the exhibition, to help reduce queues at stalls where institutions don't provide the course.
- Many visitors were eager for scholarships opportunities. 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 South-South exhibition (Currently Scheduled for OCTOBER 2017) will build upon the lessons learned and prove even more popular. We hope to see you there!

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