

Post-event report for

On-spot admission sessions 2015, Qatar

05 July 2015 Millennium Hotel Doha

Introduction

The Summer Recruitment Campaign 2015 was held on July 5th 2015. It offered an opportunity for students, parents, teachers and others in the education field to meet **representatives of 8 UK institutions** in person to find out what the UK has to offer and available funding opportunities. The main target audiences were primarily Thanaweya (high school) graduates interested in higher education in the UK in Fall 2015; professionals seeking to advance their careers; parents and key influencers. Entrance was free for all visitors. Visitors were able to register in advance through the Education UK dedicated registration page on Eventbrite or on arrival at the event. The event was well attended by both UK institutions and local audiences.

The sessions were delivered in 2 time slots:

The morning session (10:00am - 1:00pm) focused on giving guidance on how to prepare for your journey to the UK. It took the form of presentations and talks delivered by representatives from the British Council (Amanda Ingram and Rawan Khir), 2 representatives from the College and Career Counselling office at the Supreme Education Council, Qatar Cultural Attaché in London (Dr. Mohammed Al-Kaabi) and the UK Visas and Immigration. A UK alumni from the University of Manchester, who is also an SEC scholar, was also present to share his exciting experience with the audience. The final hour of the session was open for on-spot admission interviews with 8 UK institutions.

We had 115 visitors, 80% of which were potential students and the remaining balance were parents.

The evening session (9:00pm - 12:00 midnight) was dedicated to on-spot admission interviews. 8 UK institutions were present offering on-spot admission opportunities. We had more than 130 visitors at the evening session, 95% of which were potential students and the remaining balance were parents.

Key event facts:

- 245 total attendees
- 60 students managed to get an offer letter (both conditional & non-conditional) from the
 participating institutions. The rest were very close to get an offer; however, they were missing
 mainly their IELTS result.

Rawan Khir, SIEM Manager, Qatar

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Highlights

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

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Venue	Millennium Hotel, Doha, 5 th July 2015
Opening hours	5 th July: 10:00am – 1:00pm (Pre-departure briefing)
	5 th July: 9:00pm – 12:30am (On-spot admission session)
Opened by	 Saleh Al Moftah, Director, Career and Education Advising Amanda Ingram, Deputy Country Director, British Council Qatar Dr Al Kaabi, Cultural attaché for Qatar in the UK
Stand costs	995GBP; excluding VAT / 10% discount for institutions attending both Qatar and Kuwait events
Partner(s)	Higher Education Institute at the Supreme Education Council

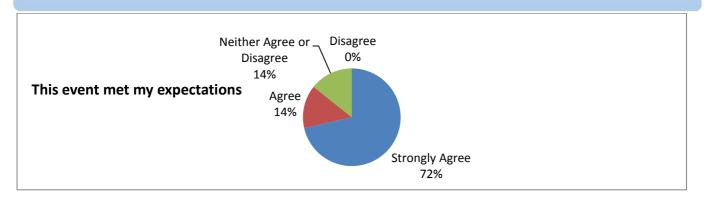
Visitors' profile

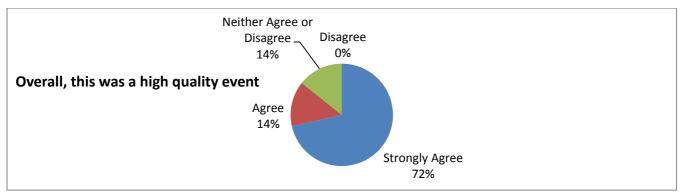
Of the total number of visitors 70% were Qataris, 30 % were non-Qataris

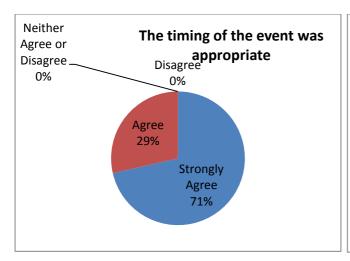
80% of the visitors were less than 25 years old

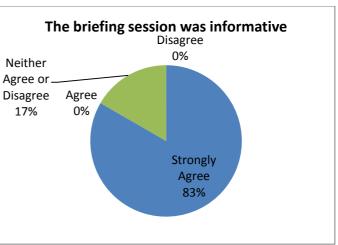
78% of visitors were looking for Undergraduate courses and Foundation programmes
While 22% of visitors were looking for Postgraduate courses

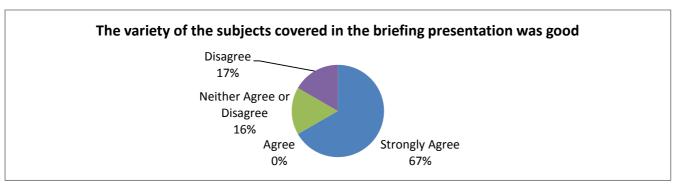
From the visitors' survey











Press Advertisement example



Post Event Press Coverage





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Interested in studying in Manchester in Fall 2015? The University of Salford will be in Doha for on-spot admission interviews next Sunday 5th July. Click here for event details and to register: https://goo.gl/QggMlp

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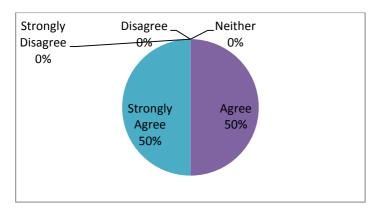




Exhibitor's Feedback

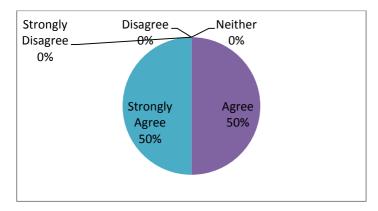
Expectations

This event met my expectations



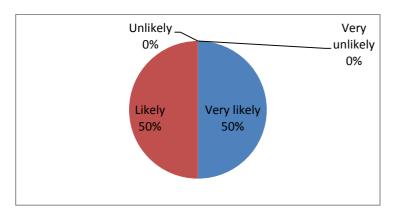
Quality

Overall this was a high quality event



Recommendation

How likely are you to recommend the British Council to your peers and colleagues?



Some positive quotes from exhibitors:

- It worked very well to do Doha and Kuwait events straight after each other's
- Smaller events like this one works better than big exhibitions
- · It was very well organized event
- Quality of visitors at the exhibitions was very good.
- Overall value for money was excellent due to the number of visitors

Some Recommendations from exhibitors

- I think the events could be held from 8pm
- I would like to have received the event handbook sooner, a month before the event would be ideal
- Make it 2 days instead of 1 day

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 from the exhibitors' and the visitors' survey results and recommended next steps are outlined below:

British Council

- We will always try to align the Gulf events together
- The recruitment for this opportunity was announced only 2 months prior to the event once the school exams' calendar was confirmed and since we had a partner on board, we encountered a delay in sending out the detailed handbook. Next time, we will ensure to share an initial handbook at least 1 month prior to the event.
- We will work on the variety of the subjects we cover during the Pre-departure presentation and make sessions more interactive

UK Institutions

• Some institutions were not prepared to offer on-spot admission to eligible students although it was a unique feature of this event that was highlighted in the pre-event advertisement.

Next year's <u>"Study in the UK" Exhibition</u> (Currently Scheduled for 13th and 14th March 2016) will build upon the lessons learned. We hope to see you there!

Appendix I - List of UK participating institutions

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

Appendix II - Some Photos from the event





Welcoming Speech by Amanda Ingram, Deputy Country Director, The British Council, followed by a welcome note by Saleh Al Moftah, Supreme Education Council





Pre-departure briefing presentations





Pre-departure briefing presentations

More Photos from the event



Q&A Panel at the end of the Pre-departure Briefing



Visitors waiting for consultation





Face-to-Face appointments with visitors





Face-to-Face appointments with visitors