

Post-event report for

Education UK Days Turkey

17 and 19 October 2015 Istanbul and Ankara

Introduction

Thank you for your participation at the Education UK Days in **Turkey** in **October 2015** at the Hilton Bosphorus Hotel in Istanbul and Ankara HiltonSA in Ankara.

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 **45 UK institutions** (Listed below in the appendix, page 15) that positively engaged with visitors including **prospective students, their parents, partners and advisors,** providing the audience with information on UK educational opportunities and subject choices.

The event attracted over **1,750 visitors** thanks in part to the marketing campaign (details listed below, page 16) Alongside the main event, a series of **36 seminars** were also held, with topics covered including UK education, scholarship opportunities and UK visas.

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

Regards,

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Highlights

The event was held at the following venue/time/date...

Venue(s)	ISTANBUL	ANKARA	
	Hilton Istanbul Bosphorus	Ankara HiltonSA	
Opening hours	11:00-17:00	13:00-19:00	
Stand costs	£2,000	£1,100	

There was a decline in visitors from last year's event. We anticipate that this is due to the blast in Ankara a week before the event and also other fairs taking places at the same time.

	ISTANBUL	ANKARA	
Attendance	2015	2015	
	1,300	450	

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

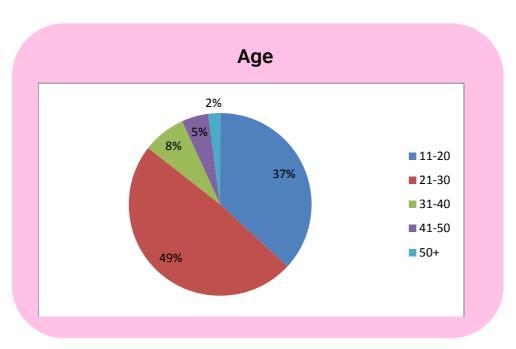
- Scholarship Programmes by MoNE, Chevening and Jean Monnet
- Hints and tips on preparing personal statement
- Common mistakes and important points for UK visa application

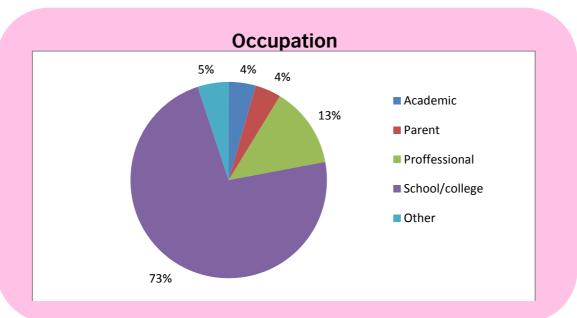
Visitors said

- "Useful"
- "Educational"
- "High quality"

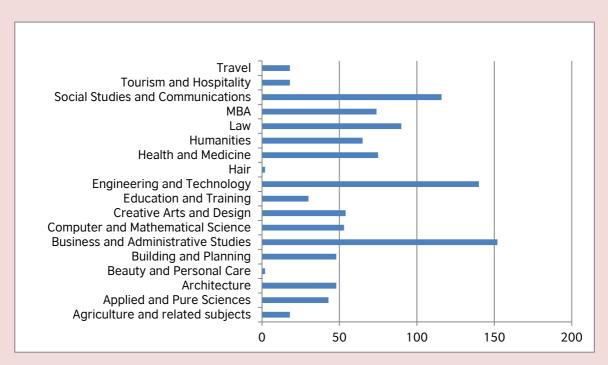
Visitors' profile

Of the total visitor numbers 43% were male and 57% were female



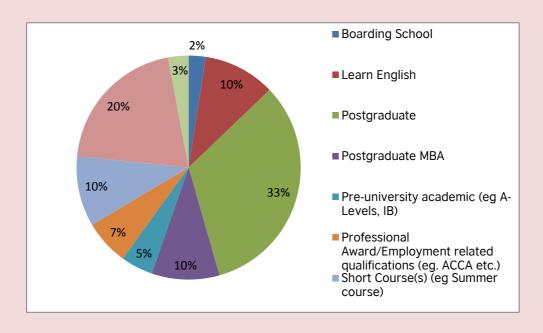


Level of Study



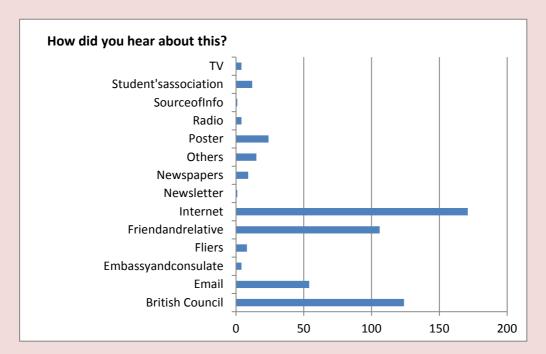
Business&Administrative Studies, Engineering&Technology and Social Studies&Communications are the most popular programmes. These are the usual popular subjects.

What level of study are visitors interested in?



Postgraduate is the most popular level of study. This supports the portion of PG students according to HESA statistics (2/3 of total market)

How did you find out about the event?



Marketing

A total of £50,000 budget was spent on marketing for this event

Our marketing campaign reached an estimated audience of 46 million people through social media channels and 2.7 million people through traditional media channels

Caffé Nero supported the promotion campaign by placing posters and promotional flyers for the UK Education Days in 10 branches in Istanbul and Ankara

Print:



Outdoor:



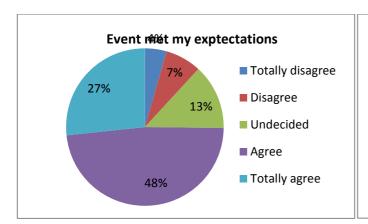


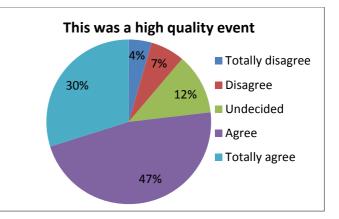
Visitor's Feedback

A printed survey was distributed to visitors through which they could win a prize for completing it. 135 visitors returned the filled survey. The questions were designed to gather quantitative statistics as well as qualitative remarks on reactions to our event and the decision making process – See Annex for more.

75% of respondents agreed that the event met their expectations

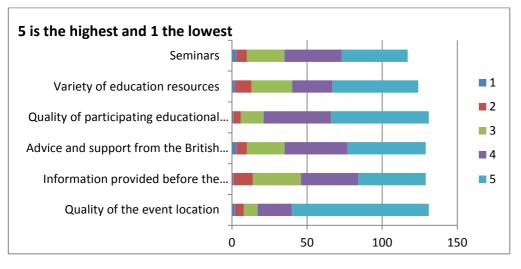
77% of respondents agreed that it was a high quality event





73% respondents agreed that the advice and support from the British Council was good.

84% of the respondents felt that participating educational institutions were high quality.



Some examples of quotes from Visitors following the event

- It has to me more frequent and organise the same one also in Asian side
- Universities who have an English course program, need to keep Turkish flyer
- Has to bring more universities, improve the quality of them and let us to contact with the academicians
- The best one ever had. Wish it could be two days
- I think your are doing your job very well
- There could be an appointment system online
- Event should be more than one day and you have to provide one to one conversation with university representatives and later student has to be tracked and provide carrier guidance
- Had to be more advertising and promotion about this event such as posting your advertising to universities websites
- More informative brochures
- More seminar programs
- Current activities list and seminar programs has to be sent to the people who register online
- Corporation with Caffè Nero was nice and it was a different experience to be in this type of event
- There have to be more stand explaining about scholarship
- I don't understand anything about scholarship and thought that you provide a scholarship. Especially private universities have to provide an English courses and support successful people
- I wish we had an opportunity to get benefits from universities who have partnership with Turkish universities
- More information about scholarship and Erasmus
- There has to be more people to explain their experience
- It was very good and different
- There has to be more universities especially about art
- Tuition fee is too high but the event was excellent for people who can afford it
- The venue and information were very sufficient. Thank you. (Ankara)

Exhibitor's Feedback

Responses from 28 exhibitors

Education UK Days were attended by <u>45 exhibitors</u> from UK HEIs of <u>51%</u> attended the last two Education UK Days in 2014.

When exhibitors were asked "Would you consider coming back to the next British Council event in Turkey?" 64% said yes whereas 29% said no and 7 said undecided

When exhibitors were asked <u>64%</u> agree that this event met their expectations and <u>78%</u> agree that this was a high quality event.

Some positive quotes from exhibitors:

- The British Council event is much better
- Thanks for all of your hard work over the past months organising the event we met some really good students in both Istanbul and Ankara.
- Thank you, your colleagues and the other staff involved at each fair for the welcome and impressive organisation. Everybody was so helpful and I am hopeful of getting some results from it, especially Istanbul.
- Growth in interest in UG study in the UK
- Events were much less busy for us than in 2014 although quality was good. In Ankara it might have been better to start an hour later and finish the event later to allow those who work to come along.

Some negative quotes from exhibitors:

- Better advertising at local curriculum schools and universities as most British Council events tend to have a strong focus around international schools only
- Work with one of the private organisors to create a bigger British Event within one of those.
- If possible (realise this is hard in Turkey) try to avoid running on the same day as other events. Especially QS.
- Better layout
- ...There were much less people but this meant much less questions on summer schools, internships and European institutions so...the British Council event is much better.
- Consider combining with visits to top schools. The venue was not big enough.
- More communication/update between us and agents
- Would it have been better to hold the Ankara event on Sunday? There should be enough time given the number of internal flights
- There seem to be a number of events happening in Istanbul on the same day? thus their where not many Post Graduate leads from this event. The pre-event briefing was very long with not enough breaks in between. Please include breaks at least every hour. As people can lose concentration.
- Would suggest that the Ankara event could have started later / run later as week day
- The Alumni event which was originally promoted disappeared and the event became a little lost in its objective...

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

British Council

- Venue options are limited within our budget and size. We carefully consider various
 options to make sure that we hire the most suitable event venue. For the next event
 we are moving to a larger venue, WyndhamLevent which is conveniently located for
 our target audience and accessible directly by underground.
- We will evaluate the feasibility of holding the Ankara event on Sunday.
- We will have a better layout in Istanbul with more space
- We coordinated our event schedule according to the competitors' exhibitions by agreeing with them.
- We will evaluate the marketing plan and consider advertising at wider local schools and universities and also widen the outdoor advertising
- We will review the market briefing sessions and shorten the length by merging some
 of the briefings delivered by external speakers with our main briefing.
- With the networking and alumni event we aim to bring alumni, all sector players
 including agents, college counsellors, and Turkish institutions' representatives
 together with UK institutions. Usually networking event starts with little gathering
 inviting college counsellors and Turkish universities before the main event to allow
 more time for networking. We will evaluate the event to make it more relevant to
 alumni giving opportunities to interact more with its pears and the university
 representatives.
- We will review how we can provide more information on scholarship and communicate with the audience better.

UK Institutions

- Institutions should consider to provide the British Council with their materials in line
 with the requirements and deadline to help us finalise the event promotional
 materials and branding as scheduled as planned.
- 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 event.

The above points, though important, should not detract from what was a successful event. Next year's event (Currently Scheduled for 15-17 October 2016) will build upon the lessons learned and prove even more popular. We hope to see you there!

Appendix

List of exhibitors (Alphabetical Order)

Istanbul		Ank	Ankara	
1	University of the Arts London	1	The University of Bath	
2	The University of Bath	2	University of Brighton	
3	The University of Birmingham	3	Brunel University London	
4	Bournemouth University	4	City University London	
5	University of Brighton	5	University of East Anglia	
6	Brunel University London	6	University of Essex	
7	Cardiff University	7	University of Kent	
8	University of Central Lancashire	8	Kingston University London	
9	City University London	9	University of Leeds	
10	University of East Anglia	10	University of Lincoln	
11	University of Essex	11	London Metropolitan University	
12	University of Kent	12	The University of Manchester	
13	King's College London	13	Newcastle University	
14	Kingston University London	14	The University of Nottingham	
15	Lancaster University	15	Oxford Brookes University	
16	University of Leeds	16	University of Portsmouth	
17	University of Lincoln	17	Queen Mary University of London	
18	London Metropolitan University	18	University of Reading	
19	The University of Manchester	19	The Royal Agricultural University	
20	Mander Portman Woodward	20	The University of Sheffield	
21	Middlesex University, London	21	Sheffield Hallam University	
22	Newcastle University	22	SOAS, University of London	
23	The University of Northampton	23	University of Southampton	
24	The University of Nottingham	24	Staffordshire University	
25	Oxford Brookes University	25	University of Stirling London Campus	
26	Plymouth University	26	University of Strathclyde	
27	University of Portsmouth	27	University of Sunderland	
28	Queen Mary University of London	28	University of Surrey	
29	University of Reading	29	Swansea University	
30	The Royal Agricultural University	30	University of Warwick	
31	The University of Sheffield	31	University of the West of Scotland	
32	Sheffield Hallam University	32	University of Westminster	
33	SOAS, University of London	33	University of York	
34	University of South Wales			
35	University of Southampton			
36	Staffordshire University			
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University of Strathclyde

University of Sunderland

University of Surrey

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41	Swansea University
42	University of Warwick
43	University of the West of Scotland
44	University of Westminster
45	University of York

Breakdown of marketing plan

Outdoor

- Outdoor TV: Displayed on 82 screens in Istanbul and Ankara for 1 week
- City Light Poster (CLP): 100 posters displayed in Istanbul for 1 week

Printed materials

- 15,000 flyers and 750 posters were sent to over 250 contacts including agents, schools and universities in Istanbul, Ankara and neighbor cities
- 10 Posters and 10,000 flyers distributed to 10 Caffè Nero branches
- 1, 500 event catalogue to be distributed during the event days

E-mailing

E-mailing was sent to the relevant networks (students, agents, advisors and international office of the Turkish Universities) and the promotion newsletter reached to 78,642 people in the British Council database

Social media

- Onedio: A fun content was advertised on a popular social media channel and 3,828 visits were diverted to the microsite from this channel
- Using RTB (real time biding) and CPC advertising model has 57081 click
- Social Media Campaign competition entrants: 3K (Why UK is the best place for a study destination?). Winners won one the prizes including 1 iPad mini,100 Caffè Nero coffee coupons

Digital media

- Video packages (preroll video) Kanal D and Hürriyet TV (600.000 imp and received 32,550 visits)
- Education UK Days Micro received 150,000 visits
- Social media digital reach: 46 million
- Twitter engagement (retweets, favorites, replies): 1K

Media mention

Eight news were appeared in media including mass media newspapers (Cumhuriyet and Milliyet) reaching to 2,652,487 news readership. Abbas Güçlü, a well-known columnist writes about education, published a one-page article about the Education UK Days.



Prizes

Visitors to our Education UK Days both in Istanbul and Ankara had a chance to enter a free prize draw (3 iPad mini, 1 UK return flight ticket, 5 IELTS Exam that will be paid by British Council, 10 winners to win 20 Caffè Nero coupons each)

Photographs from the Education UK Days and GREAT Networking Event



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