

Post-Event report for

Nigeria Study UK Exhibition 2017

4 October 2017

Uyo, Akwa Ibom

Introduction

Thank you for your participation at the first British Council Study UK exhibition in Uyo, Akwa Ibom State South-south **Nigeria** in **October 2017** at the **Sheergrace Arena**, **Nsikak Eduok Avenue**, **Uyo Akwa Ibom**.

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 **21 UK institutions** (Listed on page 13), that positively engaged with **prospective students/visitors**, providing the audience with information on **educational opportunities**, **subject choices**, choosing a UK institution, scholarship opportunities, discounts etc.

The event attracted **512 visitors** thanks in part to our externally commissioned marketing campaign and in-house promotion via our partner schools and social media platforms. 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 venues/time/date...

Venue	Sheergrace Arena, Nsikak Eduok Avenue (2 lane) Uyo Akwa Ibom State		
Opening hours	11:00-16:00		

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

- Life and Study in the UK
- Choosing a business Masters and PhD
- IELTS Information Session
- Applying for the Chevening Scholarship
- Choosing the right Management Course

These sessions added value to the exhibition and were well attended by visitors.



Visitors' profile

32% of visitors are looking for <u>Postgraduate Higher Education</u> 51% of visitors are looking for <u>Undergraduate studies</u>

More than 80% of the visitors were <u>Students</u> while less than 10% were professionals.

Of the total visitor numbers <u>52% were male</u>, <u>30% were female</u>.

Top four courses visitors were interested in: <u>Business and Administrative studies</u> <u>Health and Medicine</u> <u>Engineering and Technology</u> <u>Education and Training</u>

Majority of the visitors plan to fund their UK studies by themselves or through family or friends.

Marketing

Our marketing was targeted at the South South region and reached an estimated audience of 5 Million people

The campaign began with an engagement drive to generate awareness and sign people on for the exhibitions. This was done by selected brand ambassadors

Digital platforms used include Instagram, Twitter, Facebook, Google network, Admobile and through Geo-fencing. We also used a community of influencers to promote the exhibitions on twitter.

Traditional media included Billiboard Radio and Newspaper advertising. However, the brand ambassadors distributed over 5,000 flyers at top churches, malls, cinemas, NYSC offices and University campuses.

Examples of the marketing Include ...

Flyers



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Public Engagement Activities



Newspaper advert



Billboard advertising



Google display ads

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Radio and TV Feature on Akwa Ibom State broadcasting network



Visitor's Feedback

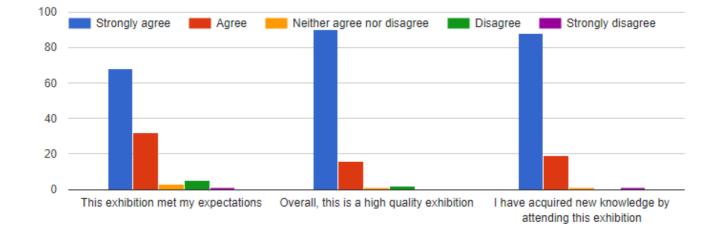
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A digital survey was deployed during the exhibition. The guestions were designed to gather quantitative statistics on reactions to our exhibition and the decision making process.

We received 109 responses from visitors at the exhibition

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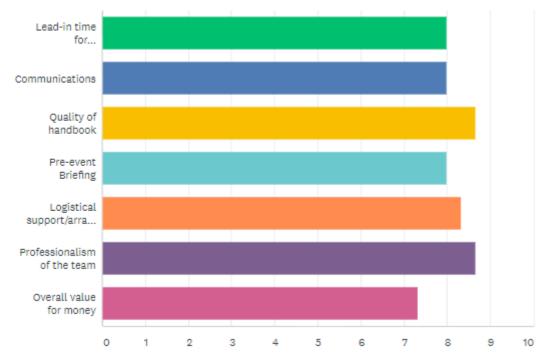


At the exhibition there were 21 unique exhibitors from UK HEIs

Being the first exhibition in Uyo city, the event was very successful overall with 512 visitors

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Key: 10 - Excellent, 0 - Very Poor

List of Exhibitors:

- 1. University of Leeds
- 2. The University of Law
- 3. University of Salford
- 4. University of Warwick
- 5. University of Southampton
- 6. University of Portsmouth
- 7. Swansea University
- 8. University of Glasgow
- 9. De Montfort University
- 10. University of Lincoln
- 11. Oxford Brookes University
- 12. The University of Northampton
- 13. The University of Nottingham
- 14. Leeds Beckett University
- 15. Coventry University
- 16. Northumbria University
- 17. University of East Anglia
- 18. University of Aberdeen
- 19. University of Dundee
- 20. University of the West of England

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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

- We are evaluating the exhibition format particularly in old markets such as Lagos and • Abuja to provide more value for visitors and exhibitors.
- British Council understands the importance of providing value-added services to the • exhibitors, thus we are looking at options to provide networking and partnership opportunities for our upcoming events.

UK Institutions

- It is suggested that institutions invite their alumni to attend future exhibitions and share stories of their UK experience with the visitors.
- We suggest that exhibitors not view requests for scholarships as negative but look at • how to further promote the value the visitors will get from studying at their institutions as an investment for future benefit and still attempt to convert.

Our upcoming February exhibitions will see us return to our traditional destinations of Abuja and Lagos as well as a second event in Calabar and will build upon the lessons learned and prove even more popular. We hope to see you there!