

Post-event report for Study UK Fair - Kuwait 4 July 2017 – Kuwait City

Introduction

Thank you for your participation at the Summer Recruitment Fair in Kuwait on 4 July 2017 at the Sheraton Hotel in Kuwait City. 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 aim of the tour was to provide opportunity to last minute potential students to the UK for this academic year. Looking at the market where scholarships results are announced during mid-summer break, students/parents are actively looking for academic places in the UK. The tour included 22 UK institutions (4 more from last year) offering various opportunities from English language, foundation, UG up to PhD level. The key target audience for this event was the high school (thanawiya) students mainly from the public schools holding scholarship awards, and professionals looking for PG and professional courses. The fair was open to public from 5pm to 9pm. IELTS team also participated in the event.

We also had invited a local student organisation looking after student's affairs in the UK and Ireland (National Union of Kuwait Students UK) to support visitors with country and cultural information. There were UK alumni present at all times at their stand for any support to fresh students accepted onto a course in the UK.

We had received over **500 visitors** during this event mainly potential student along with their parents, thanks in part to the marketing campaign (details listed below in the marketing section)

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 our range of other targeted activities during the year. We hope to see you again at our next event/exhibition.

Regards,

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Highlights

This mini fair was held at the following venue/time/date...

Venue(s)	Sheraton Hotel- 4 July 2017
Opening hours	5pm to 9pm
Stand costs	£ 1,435 excluding VAT

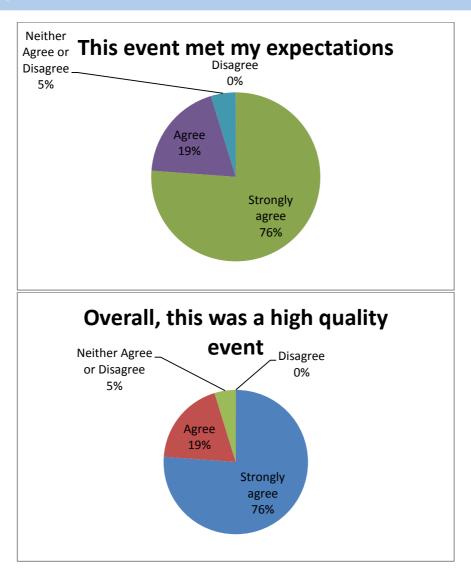
Visitors Profile

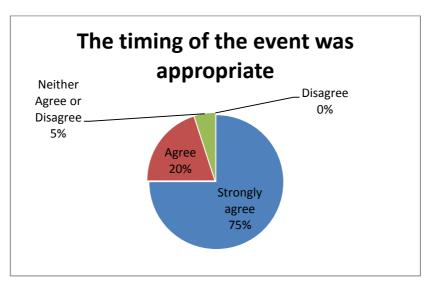
Of the total number of visitors, 85% were Kuwaitis, and 15% non-Kuwaitis

85% of the visitors were less than 25 years old

75% looking for UG courses (including English language & foundation level) and 25% were looking for PG level courses especially PhD's

Visitor Survey





Marketing

A targeted marketing approach was undertaken to reach a wider audience through our digital campaigns and offline advertising. We utilised our and paid Eshots, facebook (boosted campaigns), Instgtram, and our website to reach out to the audience through digital marketing and published ads in both Arabic and English newspaper close to the event. We also produced roll ups and flyers, which were placed, in our office a week before the event.

This campaign had a very positive impact and almost 500 + visitors visited the fair. Majority visitors found out about the mini fair through online and digital media and newspapers, friends (and family) when asked.

A total of over £10,000 was spent on Marketing for this mini fair

Our marketing reached an estimated audience of 1.8 Million people

Eshot to over a million active users in Kuwait in both Arabic and English.

Flyers & Eshot





Print media Ads:





Online: Facebook, and Instagram









Promotion on NUKS UK social media



Twitter



Press coverage:

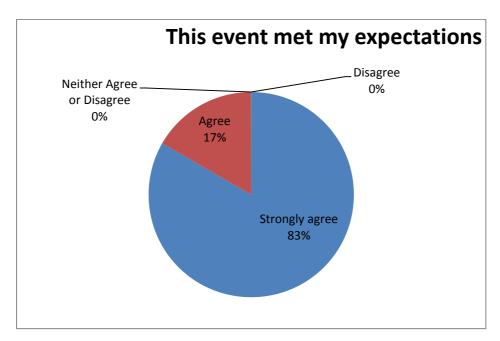
The event received a great coverage on printed media



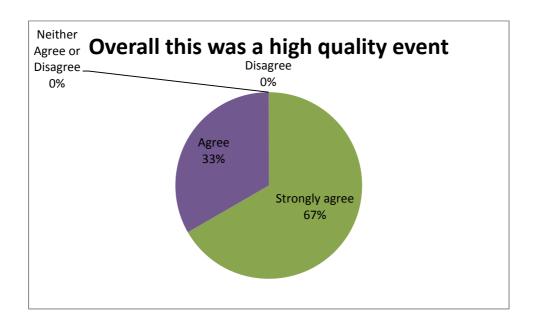
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Exhibitor's Feedback

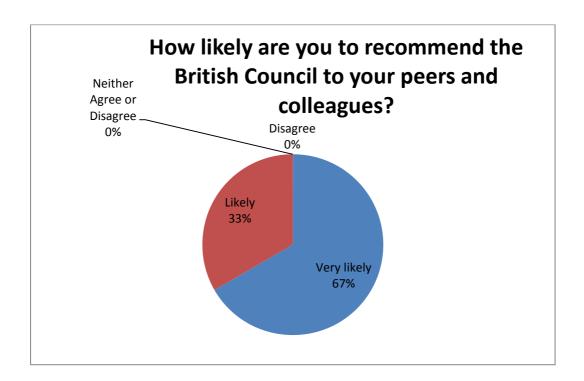
Expectations



Quality



Recommendation



Some positive quotes from exhibitors:

- A very worthwhile tour that was efficiently planned
- Market briefing was very useful
- A well-arranged and well-attended event
- Good number of visitors and good quality questions
- This is a good event to attend to meet prospective students and meet offer holders

Recommendations from exhibitors:

A two day event should be considered

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

British Council

 We will hold this event during the pre-departure session of MoHE to increase our reach and target more students.

UK Institutions

- It is suggested that institutions invite their alumni to attend future exhibitions and share stories of their life in UK with the visitors.
- Although the event was titles On Spot admissions- It was brought to our attention that some of the students were not offered on spot offers (conditional/unconditional) by some institutions.

The above points, though important, should not detract from what was a successful tour.

Upcoming Health & Medicine Study Tour

30-31 October 2017

Our next Education UK exhibitions will be;

7 - 8 March 2018 - Study UK Exhibition 2018

Appendix 1: List of Exhibitors

1	Aston University
2	Cardiff University
3	De Montfort University
4	Kaplan International
5	Leeds Beckett University
6	Liverpool John Moore's University
7	Manchester Metropolitan University
8	Middlesex University
9	Northumbria University
10	Oxford Brookes University
11	Robert Gordon University
12	Sheffield Hallam University
13	Study Group
14	Swansea University
15	The University Of Northampton
16	University Of Birmingham
17	University Of Bristol
18	University of Greenwich
19	University Of Kent
20	University Of Leeds
21	University Of Salford
22	University of the West of Scotland
23	IELTS
24	NUKS UK



Visitors waiting for consultations



One-to- one consultation

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NUKS Student representatives answering students enquiries