

Post-event report for

Education UK exhibition in Ukraine

15 November 2014
Taras Shevchenko National Museum
Kyiv, Ukraine

Introduction

This Education UK exhibition was **the first one in Ukraine** organised by the British Council. In the current situation of political crisis in the country, the British Council team made a big effort which has brought solid and visible results. A very attractive venue (Taras Shevchenko Museum) was found. It was not only very suitable for the event, but also fitted well with the cultural work of the British Council.

This report provides 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. We also hope that it will encourage those institutions that did not attend the benefits and value of such event.

The event, **targeted** at the **HE market**, hosted representatives from **9 UK institutions** that positively engaged with **prospective students and parents**, providing the audience with information on **educational opportunities and subject choices**. The British Council's reputation as well as high brand awareness and recognition contributed to promotion of the event and to promotion of participating educational institutions.

The Education UK 2014 exhibition attracted over **1,000** high quality visitors, owing to the extensive **promo campaign**. **Presentations and workshops** were also held, with topics including Scholarships opportunities, foundation programmes as a route to HE; admission requirements for PG programme etc. The Exhibition has also enjoyed a strong support from the British Embassy in Ukraine.

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

There were 8 BOOTHS, 9 INSTITUTIONS, 1,000 STUDENTS AND PARENTS attending the exhibition

Some of the Media Reporting of the event:



When the visitors were asked "How did you find our about our Education Fair?" - 79% said from the Internet (social media, on-line media);

14% - from friends and relatives; 3% from printed media; the rest - from TV, radio and posters

The Exhibition in digits....

- Over 70 publications reaching over 800 000 people
- Over 1,000 visitors (twice more than initially expected)
- 3 interviews in on-line media and 1 on the radio
- 2 TV pieces about the Exhibition
- Facebook promotions covering 250 000 people
- Link to the video about our
 Fair https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7ZX9S1um-YY&hd=1

In total, information about the exhibition reached over 1.5 million people (Approximately)

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

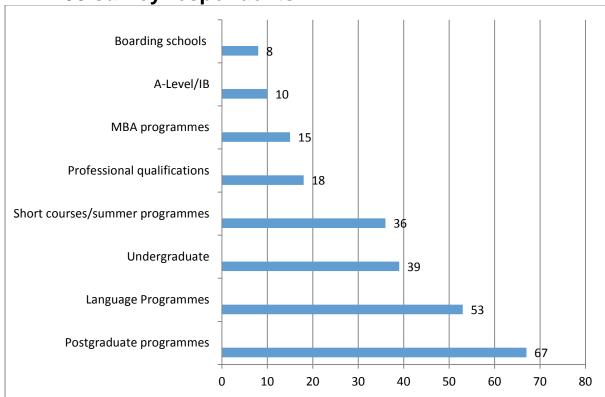
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- PG programmes in UK admissions requirements
- Which university is right for me?
- IELTS academic module preparation

 tips and tricks.

Visitors' profile

What area of study are visitors interested in? N = 200 survey respondents



Most of the visitors are looking for postgraduate programmes

From the visitors' survey -

Academic quality

Is the most important motivation factor for selecting an overseas education, followed by *International recognition of qualifications*

Marketing

We spent a total of

45%

of the exhibition budget

on promotion & materials production



Exhibitors' Feedback

Main positive quotes

- Very well organized under difficult circumstances well done!
- Brilliant exposure and ever-increasing interest. A mustattend event
- Room for improvement but extremely satisfied with first attempt
- Interest in UK Education is growing, students attending the Fair are much more informed about the UK education
- Good visitors numbers for first Fair
- Well done Maria and the BC team!

Main recommendations

- The information about agents being allowed to the event was confusing, so being kept in the loop about that would be better
- Discounts for return exhibitors
- Allow recruitment agents to help at the stand
- To have the announcer in a separate zone to minimize the noise

Visitors' Feedback

Main positive quotes:

- Very well organized, the intensive programme of seminars, pleasant venue and atmosphere
- I really enjoyed the workshops, the venue and contests held on the day
- The photo zone was very attractive, one of the best education fairs I've ever visited
- Very pleased. It's a pity there were no events like this before
- Positive impressions from the event and the quality of services. Everything was done at the high level.

Recommendations for improvement:

- To invite more institutions
- To make it a 2-days event
- To present more scholarships opportunities
- To better target students aged 14-16
- More spacious venue next time the queues to stands were too long
- Next time, could you invite more institutions?

List of Exhibitors

1	Bell Educational Services
2	Bellerbys College (Study Group)
3	Cambridge Education Group
4	Cardiff University
5	International Study Centres (Study Group)
6	University of Arts London
7	University of Central Lancashire
8	University of Westminster
9	Oxford University Press