MAJOR PROJECT

Crit #1 –
Business & Cultural
Context

Twitter Description

The Ghanaian Network

Helping the discerning user discover, taste and enjoy the variety of Ghanaian culture on offer in London

Elevator Pitch

- The problem highlighting Ghanaian culture in London.
- Value Proposition I will act as a tour guide, sometimes 'leading' the way.
- Solution the website will act as a notice board, 'forum' and network to transfer and exchange ideas between users.

'The Problem'

- Ghanaian culture is relatively new in London compared to Asian, West Indian and Chinese cultures.
- I want to access a website that could tell me about Ghanaian culture, namely traditions & customs, provide translations and events without having to visit 2-4 websites.
- I want to speak to like minded individuals outside of my 'circle of influence.'

The Value Proposition

Acting as tour guide:

- I can learn too.
- Draw attention to Ghanaian culture.
- Create a community or strengthen the current one.
- Facilitate a learning/entrepreneurial environment.
- Be part of the group forging a digital footprint for Ghana.
- Build a great website!

Unique Selling Point

"Best of both worlds"

I am British of Ghanaian descent living in London, I was brought up enjoying the best of both worlds.

My unique position could help share personal insight, clarify, update, be objective etc.

Manifesto - outline

- I believe that Ghanaian culture has a lot to offer.
- I want to live in a world where sharing information is encouraged, developed and supported.
- This is what I know for sure we can learn a lot from culture.
- To trust my instinct.
- I will not be afraid to ask for help.
- I promise to manage my time wisely.

Business Context

- General business environment culture, lifestyle & entrepreneurship Ghana is a country 'on the up', the most stable of the African nations.
- Competitors: My Ghana Roots, Adanwomase, Divine Chocolate & Touring Ghana
- Niche: My London/Black British/Diaspora
- Site Revenue: none to start, alternative value building community

SWOT Analysis - outline

Strengths:

strong
Ghanaian
culture, wealth
of information,
my heritage

Weaknesses:

I wasn't born in Ghana, need parents/friends input, need to do lots of research on Ghana

Opportunities:

to learn/discover more about Ghana, meet people, go to different venues/places, build a great website

Threats:

Lack of cultural/technical knowledge, wrong information, risk of offence, alienate Ghanaians

Cultural Context

- Historic Context migration: Ghanaians have been arriving and living in Britain since the mid—16th century.
- Diaspora By the 1980s and early 1990s, 10 to 20 % of Ghanaians were living outside Ghana due to the economic conditions Ghana faced at the time.
- Website will focus on Ghanaian arts, customs, food & sports.
- How this sits within the wider context of tourism, crafts, arts & entertainment in London.

Next steps...

- Competitor Analysis focussing on their business model.
- How successful are they?
- What can I learn from them?
- What can I do better?
- What problems can I avoid?

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