Visitor Finder

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The Audience Agency & Visitor Finder

The Audience Agency

- National audience development agency
- Help arts, culture and heritage organisations find out more about who uses their organisation (and who doesn't) so they can support existing audiences and build new relationships

Visitor Finder

- Visitor research initiative for the museum sector, funded by the National Lottery through Arts Council England
- Introduces a standardised framework for collecting, understanding and using visitor data
- Supports organisations to apply these insights to grow and develop their visitor base



Visitor Finder by numbers



- 19 clusters established
- 144 museums signed up
- Over 23,000 surveys collected so far

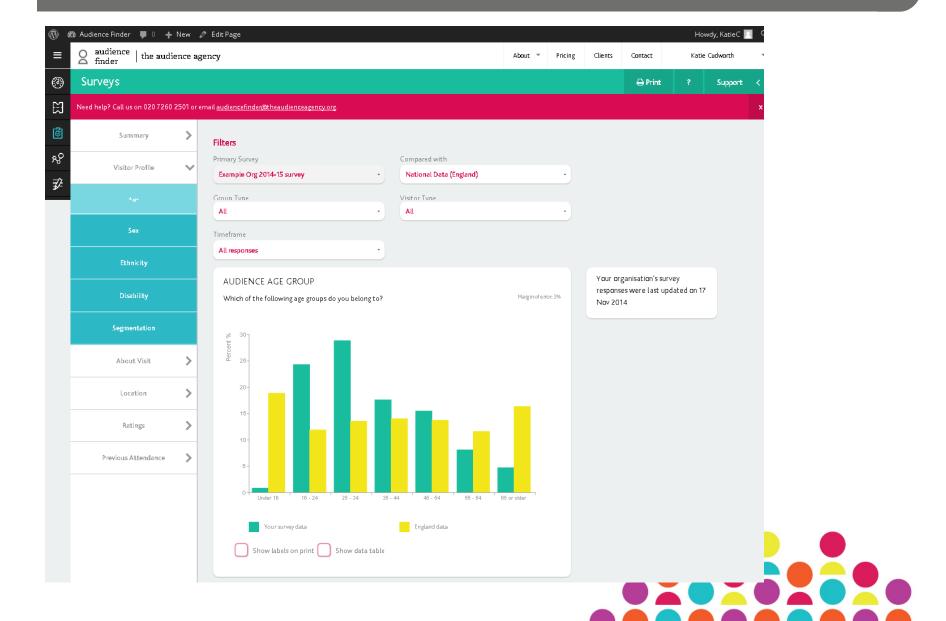


Research process

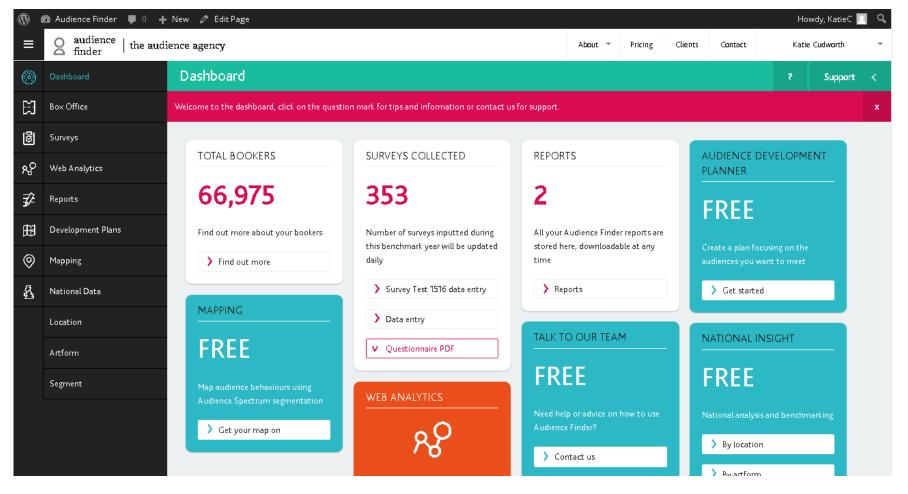
- 1. Establish cluster & set research aims
 - 2. Use standardised framework for data collection via face-to-face surveys
 - 3. Collect data using staff and volunteers trained by The Audience Agency
 - 4. Benchmark creation
 - 5. Reporting via the dashboard



The Dashboard

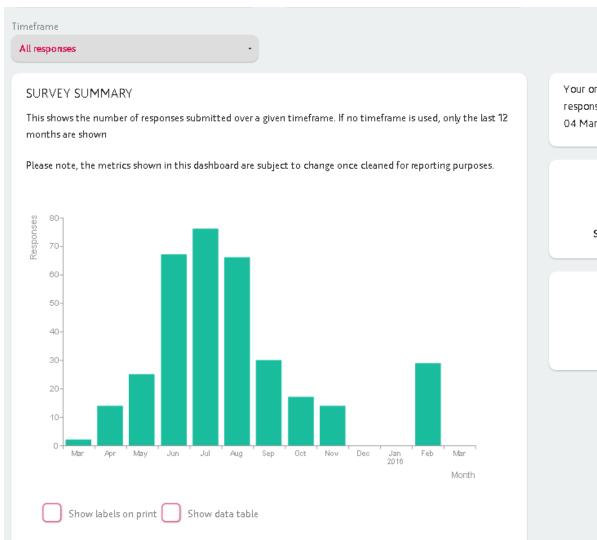


Home page





Summary page



Your organisation's survey responses were last updated on 04 Mar 2016

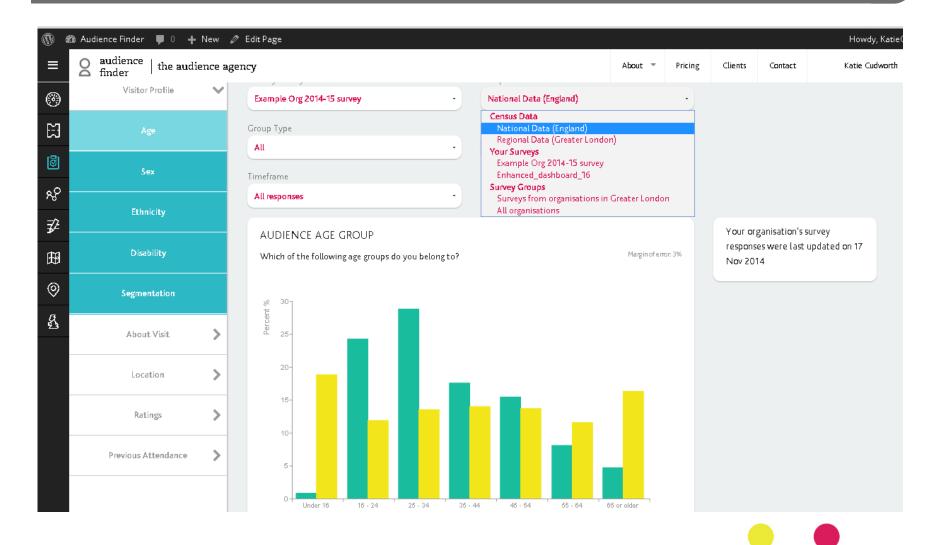
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survey responses

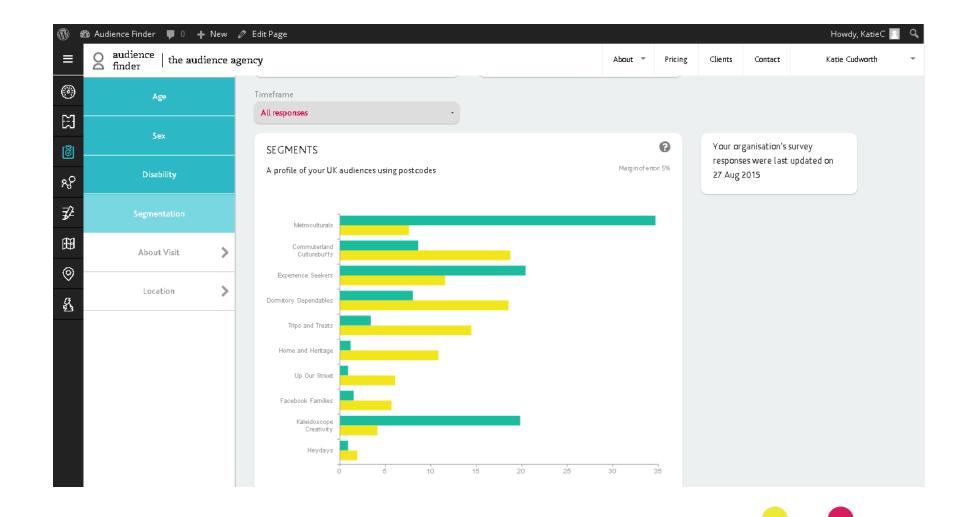
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of yearly target

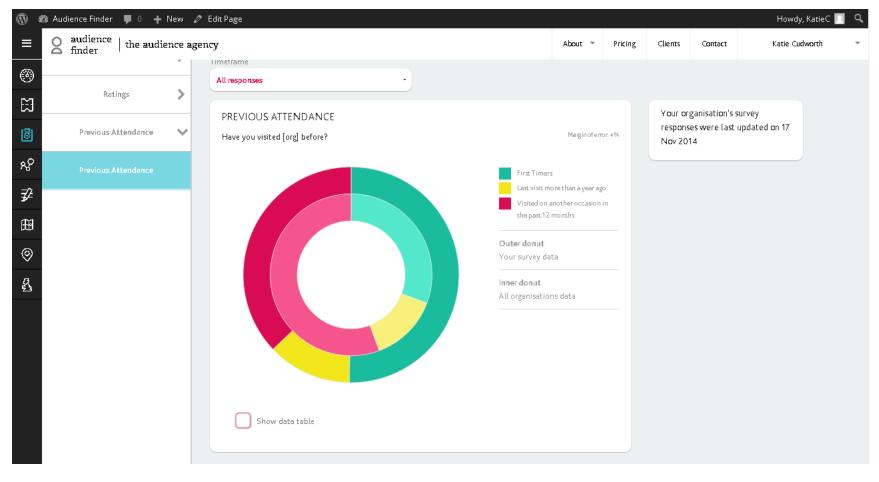
Visitor profile



Visitor profile - Audience Spectrum



Visitor behaviours





Putting insight into context

Adjust the 'Compared With' drop down menu to compare your data with

- National and regional population benchmarks
- Local museum cluster benchmarks
- National museum cluster benchmarks
- Previous year's survey data

What comparators would be useful for your museum?

Enhanced features

- 3 additional filters for in depth data interrogation
- Group type family, single adult etc.
- Visitor type previous visitor, repeat attender
- Custom date range specify date range

| Filters | |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Primary Survey | Compared with |
| Example Org 2014-15 survey | - All organisations - |
| Group Type | Visitor Type |
| All | - All - |
| Timeframe | |
| All responses | |



Sharing insight

Dashboard includes number of tools to help you share insight more easily

Annual Report tool

Summarises keys statistics (profile, demographics and audience distribution) into 'My Audience Report' PDF

Audience Development Plan wizard

Guides organisations through the process of creating an audience plan and pulls in graphs from survey dashboard



Visitor Finder reflections

What were the challenges and breakthroughs?

- Museum capacity and confidence to undertake research.
- Adopting a consistent approach to sampling
- Technology
- Reporting and understanding data
- Learning and applying insight to audience development



Putting data into action

What have museums done with the evidence?

- Advocacy with stakeholders
- Audience Development -understanding existing and potential audiences using segmentation
- Evidence for Fundraising
- Organisational Development
- Facilitating Collaboration



Thank you

We welcome your questions!

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