

British Embassy and local community combat climate change together

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The British Embassy in Ashgabat worked with local volunteers to plant 80 trees.



British Embassy staff were delighted to join friends and volunteers from the local community to celebrate the arrival of spring together by planting over 80 trees outside the Embassy. Those helping with this climate change initiative included Ashgabat youth groups, members of the Support Centre for Persons with Disabilities, and Public Organisation Yenme. British Ambassador Lucia Wilde said:

It was a real pleasure to work side-by-side with the future generation of the country, all of us equally contributing to make a difference to the major challenge facing our planet. It was a pleasure and a privilege to meet such talented, friendly and dedicated young people and I look forward to meeting them again.

Climate change affects us all. We can all take steps to address the problem. Even planting and looking after a single tree will help in the fight against climate change.

A single tree can absorb as much as 22kg of carbon each year, potentially keeping it locked up in its wood and roots for decades or even centuries to come. On average, one tree produces almost 118kg of oxygen every year.

We hope that our small efforts will help supplement tree planting programmes and other national actions planned across Turkmenistan to tackle climate change.

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