

British Embassy in Argentina selects six “Ambassadors for a day”

After a careful selection process, the British Embassy in Argentina has announced that six Argentine young women aged between 18 and 22 are the winners of the “Ambassador for a day” competition, which will give them a first-hand experience of diplomatic work and enable them to join a network of female leaders from different countries in the region.

The programme aims to promote women’s inclusion in different areas of work and society as a whole and contribute to their empowerment by providing more tools for them to fully develop their potential.

In the area of Democracy and Human Rights, the selected candidates who will become “ambassadors for one day” are Abril Gargiulo (21, law student at University of Buenos Aires) and Macarena Vergara (22, political science student at Argentine Catholic University). In the area of Economic Relations and Trade, the winners were Federica Miriani (21, international relations student at National University of Rosario) and Lara Milewicz (20, international relations student at University of San Martín). In the area of science and innovation, the winner was Paloma Rieznik (18, data science student at University of Buenos Aires), and in the area of Climate Change the selected candidate was Florencia González (22, environment and renewable energy student at Universidad Empresarial Siglo 21).

The winners of the competition will have the opportunity to join British Ambassador Kirsty Hayes and other members of the diplomatic mission in activities relevant to their chosen area of interest, attend meetings of the Embassy’s work teams, get to know some of the organisations and experts that the Embassy works with, join the Latin American network of Ambassadors for a Day and take part in virtual or in-person meetings with British ambassadors and deputy heads of mission, access increased opportunities to attend courses or talks on women’s empowerment and participate in future British Embassy events and activities relating to their field of interest.

After hearing the results, British Ambassador to Argentina Kirsty Hayes, said:

“We are delighted with the great reception that this competition has had and the huge potential shown by the candidates. The Embassy is proud to have launched for the first time an initiative of this kind, which aims to promote women’s inclusion and increased participation in society.

“I really look forward to welcoming the ambassadors for one day and including them in some of the activities we do. I will be delighted to hear their views and contribute to their training.”

More than 110 women took part in the competition, aimed at university students or recent graduates. As part of the selection process, candidates

were required to send a video reply to the question: "Why do you want to be ambassador for a day?", answer an online questionnaire and, in the final round, have an interview with Embassy officers. The winners will be contacted in the next few weeks to agree on a date for their participation in Embassy activities.