<u>Career fair for people with</u> <u>disabilities in Dashoguz</u>

This year, the British Embassy in Turkmenistan is continuing to support people with disabilities through a wonderful project implemented by our longterm partners UNDP and NGO Yenme. This is a regional project with a special focus on Dashoguz and Lebap provinces.

The aim of the project is to improve self-esteem, provide confidence and professional skills-building opportunities to people with a variety of disabilities, while helping them move into education, entrepreneurship, training and employment and bringing them together with potential employers from the private and public sectors.

British Embassy Ashgabat is supporting people with disabilities in Turkmenistan through a joint project with UNDP and NGO Yenme.

On 6 November, Ambassador Hugh Philpott had a chance to attend a training session and a Career Fair in Dashoguz, where around 40 brilliant and very talented people took part. Ambassador Philpott was warmly welcomed by the participants and had a chance to share best practices of disabled people in the United Kingdom. At the end of the session he personally wished every success to each participant and stressed that there was nothing to hold them back!

This project is a continuation of the UNDP Career Fair held in Ashgabat in August 2018, which now has been expanded to Dashoguz and Lebap. There will be further training sessions and Career Fairs in Turkmenabat and Ashgabat respectively. The project will be conclude with the Christmas Bazaar in early December, which will be open for all, and where the participants from Dashoguz and Lebap, plus other talented people with disabilities, will have a chance to showcase and sell their handicrafts, especially to representatives of the diplomatic community and international organisations.