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Ambassador Bryza Speaks to Young Women on the Importance of Leadership

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On July 24, Ambassador Matthew Bryza opened the Girls Leading Our World (GLOW) camp in Gabala. A total of 48 girls, aged 13-17 from 24 regions of Azerbaijan, will participate in the five-day summer camp, which focuses on developing attendees' leadership skills, such as teamwork, volunteerism and conflict resolution, and on important social issues for leaders, such as health and fitness, gender issues, and community development.

Addressing the attendees, Ambassador Bryza stated that women have an important leadership role to play in society and relayed how women leaders have influenced his own life. "Azerbaijan, like every country, needs women leaders," Bryza said, noting that the girls' knowledge, skills, and contributions are critical to the success of Azerbaijan. "I am convinced that, by tapping into the talents and energies of its women, Azerbaijan has a bright future," he concluded.

Organized by US Peace Corps Volunteers (PCVs) and their Azerbaijani counterparts and financed by the U.S. Embassy in Baku, GLOW aims to assist Azerbaijani girls to develop into active citizens and leaders able to make changes in their communities. GLOW Camp has provided young women from all over Azerbaijan the opportunity to challenge themselves as individuals and to discuss salient issues that they all face as community members and citizens of Azerbaijan. The camp continues through July 29. A similar camp for Azerbaijani boys was held earlier in Qabala.

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