



Short Interview with Gamze Elibol

Her Abilities Award Winner in Arts, Culture and Sports 2020

What achievement are you most proud of?

In Turkey, persons with disabilities can enter conservatory now. I am proud of my fight for equal participation in art.

What's your message to women with disabilities?

If you are a woman, your mind is always open for hope. Never give up. If we move together as all women, nobody could stop us. We are strong together.

What is your vision for an inclusive society?

Being a hope and an example for inclusion.

What are the barriers you have faced in your life and how did you overcome them?

The biggest obstacle I have ever faced is in educational level. But I am one of the lucky women who was able to use many different ways to get education. And now, our voice is heard throughout the world in many fields, including education, without any limit.

What is your response to winning Her Abilities?

I am incredibly happy and very proud. It makes me very happy that my voice is heard in such a big project after 20 years. This is my most precious prize. It feels like I get the reward for my efforts, even [though] I did not expect anything in return.