

Short biography: Anabel Mwagalanyi

Anabel Mwagalanyi is a PhD candidate at De Montfort University's Faculty of Business and Law. She has recently completed her thesis on refugee integration in Uganda and the United Kingdom, reflecting her commitment to understanding the challenges and opportunities refugees encounter across different social, cultural and political contexts.

Anabel's educational journey spans two continents. She completed her primary and secondary education in Stockholm, Sweden, before pursuing higher education in the United Kingdom. She holds a BA in International Marketing and Business and a Master's degree in Human Resource Management from De Montfort University, as well as a Diploma in Economics from the University of Leicester. She speaks Luganda, Swedish and English.

As a former asylum seeker, Anabel brings a personal perspective to her research. At the age of two, she fled political violence in Uganda with her mother during the turbulent 1980s. This experience has shaped her understanding of the uncertainty, trauma and challenges associated with forced displacement and continues to inform her commitment to improving the experiences of refugees and asylum seekers.

Alongside her academic work, Anabel has nine years of experience in the banking industry, specialising in employment and operational taxation. She also has six years of experience teaching business-related subjects in higher education.

Anabel is also an active member of the EAGA Gospel Choir, where she participates in missionary activities, volunteering and charitable initiatives. Passionate about social justice, community engagement and empowerment, she supports individuals facing disadvantage and serves as a role model and mentor to young people from deprived backgrounds. Through her research, professional experience and community involvement, Anabel remains committed to promoting inclusion, expanding opportunities for marginalised communities and contributing to a more equitable society.