



Drocella Mugorewera

Long-Form Bio

Drocella Mugorewera is the Executive Director of Bridge Refugee Services and a Refugee Congress Delegate. Recognized as one of the 10 women making a difference in Knoxville, Tennessee by the Knoxville Mercury, and honored as a 2019 Peacemaker recipient by the Oak Ridge Environmental Peace Alliance, Drocella has spent over a decade empowering and educating audiences to live with more empathy, trust, and inclusivity.

After losing her life savings and fleeing her native country of Rwanda in 2008, Drocella found herself in America, separated from her husband and beloved children. Adjusting to a new culture, without money nor her family, Drocella saw only one path forward: Adapt, invest in herself, build relationships and create new solutions.

Drocella is a leadership and community building expert who delivers engaging, actionable keynotes and trainings that challenge audiences to adapt and create solutions to life's most challenging situations. In a world full of disruption, Drocella helps equip audiences with practical methods and transformational strategies they can use to realign with their principles, remain solid in their faith, and practice resilience in the face of personal and professional adversity.

With a focus on relationships, Drocella is the perfect fit for organizations who want insights paired with personal connection and authenticity. As a former member of Parliament and Government, Drocella helps organizations adopt strong policies and spread them. Her ability to speak five languages makes Drocella uniquely qualified for working with diverse, international organizations and communities. Plus, event planners love her passion and promise to over deliver on everything she does.

Drocella graduated from the University of Life and Environmental Sciences of Ukraine and has a certificate from the Consortium for Social Enterprise for Effectiveness program from the University of Tennessee's Haslam College of Business.

In her free time, Drocella enjoys reading, singing, traveling, and spending time with her husband, children, and new grandchild.