

# Sharing Welsh research with Uganda

There's masses of information out there, but it's not always sitting with the people who can best utilise it.

Jalia Packwood, originally from Kampala in Uganda, worked with Bangor University to bring brand new ideas from the world of science to real-life scenarios across Uganda.

“ What challenges are there in Uganda?  
How can we use the research at Bangor  
University to overcome these? ”

Often, Jalia's work was to link up with other research institutions who were best placed to collaborate on projects that would directly benefit outcomes for Ugandans. Sometimes, Jalia was able to make connections with the private sector, enabling them to take on board new technologies developed at Bangor University.

In her role as the International Sustainability Collaborations Project Officer, Jalia instigated collaborative projects by identifying pressing challenge and developing strategies that utilised relevant research and personnel to develop relevant solutions. A great example being the conversion of pineapple waste into valuable products.



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“it's about making links. The research is out there, but I was able to act as a intermediary between the university and the people on the ground 4,000 miles away ”

With her expertise in social-economic development, Jalia went on to help form the Sustainability Programme at Makerere University in Uganda and established a project to link students in both countries.

The project was so wide-reaching that it piqued the interest of the Uganda High Commissioner, a representative from the United Nations Industrial Development Organisation, the head of the Uganda Research Institution and representatives of the National Agricultural Research Institution.

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## From research into action

“ The partnership with Bangor University brought research into action. Sharing events & experiences for, and on, sustainability between the two universities, as well as broadening participation. It has infused appreciation of collaboration as a way of life for staff and students at Makerere University. The ethos and the values imparted at the time have continued to influence the sustainability program at Makerere University. ” - Florence, Formerly,

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