

Lydia Mutyebele

Lydia Mutyebele Ngoi was born in 1978 in Lubumbashi, in the Democratic Republic of Congo. She moved to Belgium at the age of six when her father was called to work there, where she completed all her studies: a degree in law and a specialised master's degree in international private law at the Université Libre de Bruxelles (ULB). A lawyer at the Brussels bar, she worked for "Avocat sans frontières" before moving on to a number of political offices. Her political career began in 2006 when, at the age of 27, she was elected a local councillor in the largest municipality in the country: the City of Brussels. Thanks to her commitment to the non-profit sector and her tenacity, she was appointed Deputy Mayor for Housing, Public Heritage and Equal Opportunities in 2020. This was a first for the sub-Saharan community, not least because her portfolio of responsibilities had never before been entrusted to a woman. Privately, she is active in the Brussels community, notably in the not-for-profit organisation (Groupement des Femmes Africaines Inspirantes et Actives). She is also a trained musician and director of a gospel choir at New Jerusalem, a church founded by her father, the late Bishop MUTYEBELE, and her mother, Pastor Rosiane.