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Ananda's primary degree is in Communication Studies from DCU. She is a qualified guidance counsellor with a Postgraduate Diploma in Adult Guidance Counselling from Maynooth University and recently qualified as an executive coach with a Professional Diploma in Executive Coaching from the Irish Management Institute, UCC. She contributes to the University community as a staff coach through the staff coaching initiative and other initiatives such as Leading Ireland's Future Together (LIFT) and staff and student mentoring schemes.

Ananda is a current member of the Student Support and Engagement Committee within the College of Arts, Social Sciences and Celtic Studies and the Student Affairs Ireland (SAI) Student Success Special Interest Group. She previously contributed to the University of Sanctuary Committee, the Association for Higher Education Careers Services (AHECS) Postgraduate Research Students Task Group and the Association of Graduate Careers Advisory Services (AGCAS) Research Group.

Ananda's love for the Irish language stems from growing up in a Gaeltacht area in west Cork, and she is now raising two young native Irish speakers in the vibrant south Conamara Gaeltacht. Ananda is actively involved in her local community where she works with others to create opportunities to engage with and conserve the rich biodiversity in the area, with current projects including the creation of a community woodland.