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Following a scientific career in research and industry, Amanda moved into business intelligence with Glaxo SmithKline, prior to joining the University of York. At the University of York Amanda established an IT training company to provide business focussed training for local companies.

She is currently the Head of Continuing Professional Development (CPD) at the university, responsible for the strategic development of CPD courses across all sectors. Amanda also is responsible for the university employer engagement strategy which covers all the external activities of the university from student placements, industrial research partnerships to consultancy and training.

In 2007 Amanda established The Training Gateway an organisation which aims to help UK and international public and private sector organisations address their skills needs by providing a 'one-stop shop' from which to source corporate, vocational and executive training from UK universities. Led by the University of York, it provides easy and direct access to over 1700 named coordinators in every UK university, who offer a wide range of high quality training and development services.

As well as providing access to training courses, The Training Gateway helps businesses identify universities that can accredit their own in house training programmes, develop bespoke packages and online or work-based learning programmes.

The network has received a wide range of requests from public and private sector organisations, sector skills councils and brokerage agencies nationally and internationally.