

Karen Langdon BA (Hons) MPhil (with distinction)

Career Outline

Consultant with 20 years experience in UK and international of skills, enterprise and business development at policy and practice levels.

Current Role

Principal: DEAL Group (2005 - present); Director – Act Positive (2008 - present)

Responsibilities Providing consulting and training services for business and public sector clients.

Key Skills Strategic enterprise development – private and public sector. Learning Strategy and Programme development. Project leadership. Business planning and evaluations.

Previous Experience

Senior Manager, Business Link Tyne & Wear

Led a team of Project Managers responsible for £30million of public sector funding; designed approaches to enterprise support, integrating social enterprise, that continue to be developed by the Regional Development Agency.

Director of Programmes, International Development Team,

Durham Business School (1994 – 2002)

Achievements Designed and delivered training for national Governments (India, Uganda, Kenya, Zimbabwe), NGOs (India, Jordan, Egypt, Malawi, Ethiopia) and UK based international programmes, led on policy consultancy and evaluations (Malawi, Pakistan, India, Bangladesh) and university accredited post graduate course for counselling and facilitation.

Enterprise Development Adviser – Kenya Association of Youth Organisation, Kenya (1992 – 1994)

Achievements established over 40 youth groups with income generating potential; designed and delivered a training programme for field based enterprise workers adopted by the Kenyan government and leading NGOs.

Training Manager. London Enterprise Agency (1987 – 1992)

Achievements Develop original approaches to enterprise training and support with the Employment Service including the Enterprise Allowance Scheme; member of the original national writing team for business support training materials; director of Greater London Shell-Livewire.

Education

MPhil in Critical Management, Lancaster University Management School (1996 – 1999)

BA (Hons) Upper Second class Policy Making and Administration Essex University (1979-1982).

Admitted to **Institute of Teaching and Learning** 2001. European Enterprise Educator approved 1994.