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Drawing on nearly 20 years of experience in the charity sector, Karen has developed strong expertise and an exceptional network; particularly in strategic management and organisational development. In recent years Karen has worked with a number of national and regional charitable organisations as a consultant, also including appointments as Interim Chief Executive and Director of Fundraising and External Relations. In these and other roles in the third sector, Karen has used her extensive understanding of charitable governance to provide advice and guidance for fundraising management, strategic planning, organisational restructuring and board development. Karen is also a Trustee and Director of the Oxfordshire Rural Community Council (ORCC) as well as Trustee of 3 other charities, and a serving local Councillor.

Having founded KliC4 Training in 2004, Karen has since been concentrating on consolidating a portfolio of charities and trainers who can provide professional, high quality, and socially responsible team building and learning and development for corporate clients. Developing a new concept in corporate training represents a natural use of her leadership abilities and organisational experience as well as utilising the wealth of knowledge she has gained from her many years of voluntary work in the local community, as well as in consulting.

Karen's philosophy totally supports the concept of 'Think Global; Act Local'. To this end, she has involved herself in a wide range of initiatives throughout the area in which she lives; including the provision of youth work, conservation, rural development and education. By harmonizing worldwide developments in Corporate Social Responsibility, Institutional Governance and Strategic Development with the needs and aims of local communities, Karen has helped generate successful outcomes for numerous projects; from the creation of a local Community Centre to the provision of youth services in areas of South Oxfordshire. The organisation is currently in discussions with a group of charities and potential corporate clients in South Africa and in Australia too, to take the concept there. This channelling of global perspectives to the focussed and strategic development of initiatives at local level has provided the framework for KliC 4 Training.

Prior to her work as a charity consultant, Karen spent 6 years working as Fundraising Manager with the British Trust for Conservation Volunteers (BTCV) During this time she gained a deep insight into and practical experience of the charity sector; particularly income stream development, public relations and funding relationship management. Prior to this, Karen worked in the wine trade and human resources sector.

Karen began her career in the Women's Royal Naval Service (WRNS). Here she was trained in communications and specialised in submarine communications and cryptography, serving in the UK and overseas. Karen continues to draw upon the skills and abilities she gained from her naval service.

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