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Professor Susan Geertshuis studied Psychology at the University of Wales taking advanced courses in Statistics, Personnel Psychology and Ergonomics. On completion of her BA (hons) she went on to do her doctorate in Cognitive Psychology at the University of Nottingham. Her thesis examined visual masking in letter and work recognition. She went on to take a post as a Research Officer and then Research Fellow at the University of Wales in the Health Services unit (School of Psychology) where her primary responsibility was for research methodology and multivariate analysis. She then became Deputy Director of this unit, engaged in the management, design and analysis of a project evaluating the mental health services in Wales. Later as a Senior Research Fellow and Research Director of the Centre for Learning Development (CLD) at the University of Wales, she was responsible for strategic management, business planning, securing of funding, financial management whilst also managing research projects, supervising and supporting staff. During her three year post, the number of funded research staff rose from 2 to 24. Later as the Professor of Organisation Studies at the Business School, University of Northampton she was responsible for developing the research capacity of the department through staff development activities and by attracting external research funding. She was appointed chair of the faculty research degrees committee as well as setting up a new research centre. Currently Susan is at the Centre for Continuing Education at the University of Auckland. Here she has re-engineered business processes, incorporated a bridging programme into the portfolio and built a professional development contract work. She advises a number of national bodies on lifelong learning and training policy.