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I've always had a passion for travel, it started when I was a kid. As soon as I had the chance, I headed off on my OE, spending four years living in Dublin and London. I knew there was still so much more of the world I wanted to see, which eventually led me to ITC in 2002, where I completed my Advanced Diploma in Travel and Tourism.

Now, more than 20 years into my industry career, I've come full circle. After graduating, ITC helped me get my first job at Go Holidays, where I discovered the wholesale side of the industry.

I went on to spend 11 years with Adventure World, specialising in Africa and South and Central America, with incredible opportunities to travel through Africa and Asia, explore the Amazon and visit Machu Picchu. I later joined House of Travel, continuing to specialise in adventure and overland travel.

Today, I'm excited to take on my new role as ITC's Employment Consultant. Having experienced ITC's employment support myself, I know first-hand the difference it can make. Sandra helped me secure my first job in wholesale, which led to an amazing career and opportunities I could never have imagined. I'd love to help give our students that same start.

I've loved seeing students grow in confidence during my time as a Course Advisor, and I'm excited to continue supporting them as they take their next steps. My advice is simple: be confident in what you know, curious about what you don't, and always be open to opportunities. You never know where a career in travel might take you!

