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**Professor Shirley Congdon**  
**Vice-Chancellor, University of Bradford**

**Background Information:**

As Vice-Chancellor, Professor Shirley Congdon is responsible for the University of Bradford’s leadership and management, including the development and delivery of its values and strategic ambitions. She is the University’s eighth Vice-Chancellor and the first women to hold the role.

Originally qualifying as a Registered Nurse, Shirley’s professional and academic expertise lies within the area of health and social care, service modernisation and cultural change, research methods and evidence-based practice. She has an outstanding record in all aspects of university leadership, having worked within the field of higher education for 25 years and held senior roles in three different universities.

Shirley is a passionate advocate for equality and diversity, social inclusion and widening participation in higher education - opening opportunities and unlocking potential for people of all backgrounds. She is a tireless ambassador for students and is committed to ensuring they receive the education, experience, and support they need to reach their potential and move into their chosen career or further study after graduating.

She is working to increase the University’s already strong impact, on driving lasting social and economic change, locally and globally. One of the hall marks of her success is the adoption of an approach to equality, diversity and inclusion that focuses on structural inequalities. A focus on structural inequalities centres on putting in place institutional strategies and delivery plans that deliver whole system, intersectional solutions that achieve long-term impacts and foster diversity maturity across the university and its partners.

**Sectors worked in and routes taken:**

Nursing	Registered General Nurse working in Accident and Emergency and Urology.
Clinical Academic	Practice based; education and research
Lecturer and Senior Lecturer	Health Studies
Principal Lecturer	Research Methods



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Head of School	Nursing and Social Care
Dean of Faculty	Faculty of Health Studies
Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Learning and Teaching)	Offices of the Vice-Chancellor
Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic)	Offices of the Vice-Chancellor

What I would like to get involved in: (please tick)			
Inspirational Talk	Visits to my place of work	Mentoring / Coaching young people	Other (please state)
✓	✓	✓	