



Amanda Laucher co-founded and is president of Mined Minds Foundation, an organization that is developing tech hubs in areas that have been impacted by the decline in the energy sector, mainly coal and gas. Through her leadership, they provide free software development skills to unemployed & underemployed people wanting to start a new career, and also attract sustainable tech jobs to those regions. Additionally, Amanda co-founded GPdL, a software consultancy that employs new technologists that have trained with Mined Minds Foundation to develop software for clients across the country. Her work has been profiled on CNN, PBS, CBC, Smart Business, and many other local, national and international publications.

Amanda is a native of Greene County, PA. She holds degrees in Computer Science, but believes employable skills should not require expensive qualifications. She has a keen interest in ensuring employment is achievable by everyone in the region, and that opportunities for sustainable careers should be widely available to all who desire to work. She is active in the technology industry at a global level, having worked on six continents during more than 15 years as a technology consultant. She is also a frequently invited speaker at national and international technology conferences, where she speaks about programming languages, coding techniques, as well as lean product development and processes.