Leanne started her career in the Insolvency department at global accounting firm, Ernst & Young, having studied at Auckland University of Technology. A few years later, she retrained in IT, and has remained in that industry for the last 25 years. Spark, and before that Gen-I and Telecom feature heavily in her work experience, and more recently Leanne has held senior roles at Microsoft and Cisco, where she was the Country Leader. Currently, Leanne is the Country Leader for Dell Technologies New Zealand, a newly created role centred on driving growth through partners and leading the transformation discussion with customers.

Leanne has led many corporate social responsibility initiatives, most recently at Cisco. She is an avid supporter of Youthline and has raised funds to assist NZ youth who need it. She developed a programme to retrain women who had been displaced by COVID, to study Essentials of CyberSecurity. Over 130 people participated in the programme and it is now being rolled out in Australia. Leanne has also presented at high schools to encourage the girls to pursue studies in Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths (STEM) subjects.

Leanne is committed to continual learning and is often found researching new ideas, and of course keeping up to date with technology. She has a history of actively coaching and developing talent, and many of her mentees have successfully achieved their goals under her guidance. Leanne is widely acknowledged as an authentic leader, and a powerful communicator. Leanne’s active role in the IT industry has earned her the 2018 Women in ICT Achievement award, and in 2019, she was admitted to the Reseller News Hall of Fame.