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To whom it may concern,

I am writing this as an endorsement of the L3 award in Cloud Computing being developed by TLM.

I teach in Further Education as a lecturer in computing and web technologies. Being a Further Education institution, I have taught a wide range of students from 16 -18 year olds on BTEC programs, to adults in City & Guilds ITQ training programs. I'd like to highlight the impact of the ITQ on adult education.

Most of the adults who come onto my courses have a real need and desire for greater computer skills. Some may have been working at one place for a long time and find themselves needing an update to their skills for the modern workplace. Others may have been out of work for some time and need to start the journey towards gainful employment. They have all seen the rapid development of mobile technology and have some experience with it on their smartphones, but no structure in how to apply them beyond email and Facebook. Our Provision for the Unemployed has used the C&G ITQ for IT Users L1 and L2 courses to support the local community and get people back into work.

As it stands, we have two routes for adults to follow in ITQ Computing, Office Skills, and Web Design. We start these courses at Level 1 and progress to Level 2 with easy access to these courses provided by the Job Centre. In regards to Web Design, we have created a Level 3 ITQ course which bolts onto it the CIW Certificate in Web Design; Site Development Associate Certificate. The development of the Level 3 course has allowed my students, with the assistance of student funding, to invest in their futures and realize their goals of employment using higher technologies.

I feel that a structured and measured course in Cloud Computing would be of great value to adult learners. As a Level 3 course, it would attract learners with a real interest to use technology to forge a new path in life. It could be coupled with the CIW Web Design modules to compliment both certifications. If implemented, this would be of benefit to the learners on my courses and could further prepare them for industry, University, or self-employment.

Thank you for reading.

Sincerely,



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