AWS reStart for Success

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Locations: Pimlico Centre

The Amazon Web Services (AWS) re/Start programme is a full-time, classroom-based skills development and training programme run in collaboration with Amazon Web Services that prepares individuals living within Greater London for careers in the cloud and connects them to potential employers.

Entry Requirements

A technology sector background is not required but you will need to be confident using a computer. The programme is focused on unemployed or underemployed individuals, and to apply you must meet the following eligibility requirements: have full-time availability to attend training Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm, and to complete evening coursework for the 12-week course duration; be able to start a full-time job after course completion with the legal right to work and live in the UK; live within Greater London; have a minimum of 5 GCSEs at grade A*-C, or equivalent; be a motivated, self-directed and resilient learner; be excited to launch a career in cloud computing.

What topics does the course cover?

Individuals graduating from the AWS re/Start programme are equipped with valuable cloud infrastructure and software skills. The programme will cover: AWS Core Services and infrastructure components; how to monitor, measure and report on infrastructure load and performance; designing, coding and testing simple programmes/scripts using Python and Bash; configuring basic network components; database maintenance and security configurations. AWS re/Start also focuses on building professional skills such as adaptive communication, time management, and collaboration. The programme mission is to build a diverse pipeline of entry-level cloud talent.

How will I be taught and assessed?

Each cohort of learners will be taught by accredited trainers to complete their cloud training. Through scenario-based learning, hands-on labs, and coursework, learners can gain the technical and soft skills they need for an entry-level cloud role. AWS re/Start also provides learners with resume and interview coaching to prepare them for employer meetings and interviews. To graduate, individuals must demonstrate the required knowledge, understanding and practical skills. Learners will be assessed at the end of the course through the AWS Certified Cloud Practitioner certification exam.

Are there any other costs or equipment I need to get?

The programme is offered at no cost to learners. In order to practice your skills as homework, you will need access to a laptop (or similar), or be able to use the technology resources provided in the WAES centres. Learners will be given complimentary access to the AWS Certified Cloud Practitioner certification practice exams and full exams (no additional cost).

By the end of the course what should I be able to do?

The AWS re/Start learning path is designed to prepare students for the AWS Cloud Practitioner Certification exam, and to be job-ready for entry-level cloud positions.

What are the progression opportunities following this course?

Individuals graduating from the AWS re/Start programme are ready for roles in several areas, including: Data Centre Technician, Technical support, Automation of simple tasks through Python scripting, Basic networking configurations and debugging, Simple AWS Core Services configurations. At the end of the programme, WAES will connect you with Westminster employers hiring for cloud related roles.