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To Whom It May Concern:

This is to verify that Matt Lewis has successfully completed the New World Teachers 100-hour TEFL Certificate Course.

The course consists of a combination of methodology and practical classroom teaching. The methodology sections cover how to teach English through the European Direct Method and include all the basic skills (reading, listening, grammar structure, functional language, pronunciation, writing and communication activities). The emphasis at all times is on maintaining a classroom atmosphere that is fully participatory and communicative. In addition to covering the basic skills, participants on the course practice various teaching techniques such as how to teach young learners, business English and TOEFL, and how to use video, computers and drama in the classroom. A three-hour component on cross-cultural training is another requirement for graduation.

Practical classroom teaching is acquired through actual in-class teaching in our English classes for non-native speakers at the school premises. The teachers are required to teach a variety of skills to all levels of students. In order to achieve this the students create their own original lessons based on coursebook material as part of an integrated syllabus. Students teach a total of at least 4 solo lessons of 45 minutes each plus 1 "team teach" where the lesson is planned and executed in conjunction with another teacher from the program. The development of each of our teachers is carefully monitored throughout the course as all lessons are observed by an experienced trainer and are followed by a written and verbal critique.

Matt is a truly engaging spirit in the classroom, never failing to achieve full and enthusiastic participation from the students. Using an array of methods to convey concepts, including clear cues, pantomime and realia whenever possible, Matt built some of the most communicative lessons I have seen at New World Teachers. Throughout the course he was well-prepared and showed a real dedication to giving the best to his students at all times. During the training sessions he participated in all class activities with energy and enthusiasm and absorbed all the principles of the methodology with ease. Not only did he consistently apply the techniques he learned on the course, he also developed a rapport with the students he taught and showed flexibility in adapting lessons to the needs of the various student levels. I believe all involved enjoyed his being a part of the course. I heartily recommend Matt as a teacher and truly believe that any school would be very fortunate in having him as a member of its staff.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Roberta Mahon".

Roberta Mahon
Course Manager