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Yorkshire Cloud

Growth plans for Yorkshire Cloud as virtualDCS founders come on board

Two founders of Leeds cloud computing provider virtualDCS have joined the board of growing Harrogate-based business the Yorkshire Cloud.

Richard May and John Murray, who were pioneers in the cloud computing field in the 1990s, will bring their industry knowledge and technical expertise to Yorkshire Cloud, which was set up by director Jonathan Edwards in 2012, and has grown rapidly to provide virtual desktop services for more than 350 desks for clients in Yorkshire and beyond.

Mr Edwards said: "Yorkshire Cloud has enjoyed great success over the last five years and Richard and John joining the board demonstrates our intent to grow the business further. Their experience in this sector goes back many years and I'm sure they will both prove to be an integral part of our plans for evolution and expansion."

John Murray, who joins Yorkshire Cloud as technical director, said: "With the threat of cyber crime growing every day, it's essential that businesses in the region have a safe and secure IT system. This can often be difficult to achieve when using onsite infrastructure. Yorkshire Cloud's new, state of the art

cloud infrastructure gives customers the very best in terms of security, delivered and supported by our Yorkshire based team."

Richard May added: "We've watched Yorkshire Cloud's growth over the past few years and are looking forward to working together. We share the same values on how we believe cloud computing should be delivered to businesses."

Mr Edwards initially set up Yorkshire Cloud because as an IT consultant he was unable to source cloud solutions for his small business clients. "It seemed wrong that such a great technological advance, which can slash IT costs by 40 per cent and provide much greater flexibility and security, was being denied to many SMEs and that was why I designed and set up Yorkshire Cloud back in 2012," he said.

"With our investment in new infrastructure, and Richard and John on the board, we are aiming to help lots more businesses in Yorkshire to access reliable and secure cloud services. We are already outgrowing our offices in Harrogate and will be looking to relocate to larger premises as well as recruiting for new technical, admin and sales staff in the coming months."