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## PACT (Peace and Conflict Transformation Project) Takes Flight in the North-west and 'Zooms in' on the North-east of Ireland!

**THEME:**

Building Positive Relations  
Regional Projects

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**LEAD PARTNER:**

Training for Women Network (TWN)

**PROJECT PARTNERS:**

Intercomm Ireland Ltd, Foyle Women's Information Network and Queen's University Belfast

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The PACT project has continued to make significant progress, with participants from counties Antrim; Down; Armagh; Louth; Cavan and Monaghan; Tyrone; Derry; Fermanagh; Donegal; Sligo and Leitrim coming together via Zoom to talk about social justice issues, barriers to communication and techniques to resolving conflict.

Meeting weekly for structured discussion and training workshops, a diverse range of women from different counties and backgrounds have been able to complete modules on the PACT project through tailored online training.

*“TWN are delighted to have Foyle Women’s Information Network as one of our PACT Project Partners. It’s so good to see that the women on the project through FWIN have continued, despite lockdown and the challenges that it brought. Their determination to make their lives better and that of their families and communities, gives us hope for a brighter future for our children and young people.”*

Training for Women Network, Chief Executive Officer



Participants received PACT project materials including a notebook and pen by post and by navigating new forms of digital communication, provided a lifeline for many participants during the COVID-19 pandemic.

*“It has been a challenge to debate and discuss important issues”, and “I have made new friends during what has been a really lonely time at home.”*

Project participant

A number of participants on the PACT Project have shown immense leadership in their own communities this year by both assisting COVID-19 community response efforts (assisting in ensuring isolated residents had essential household packs and self-help materials) and also assisting keeping peace at volatile sectarian interface areas.