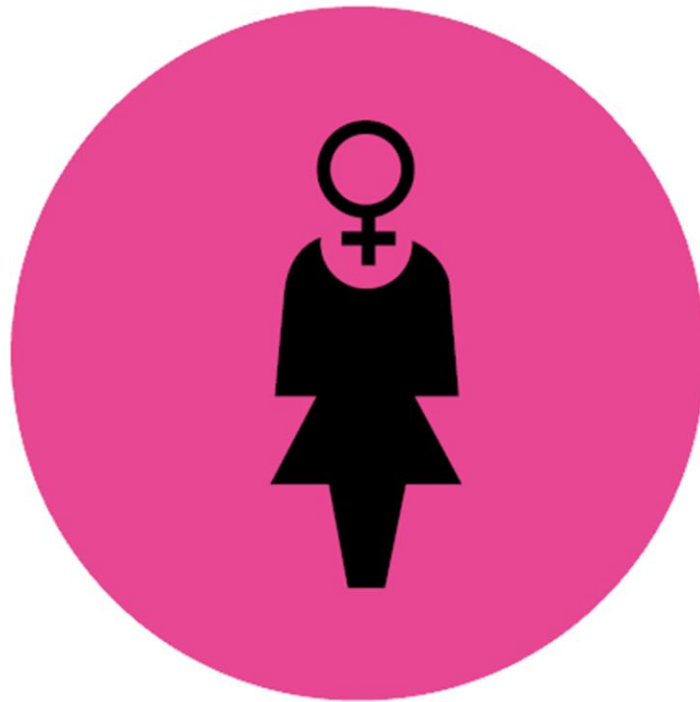


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# Foyle Women's Information Network

Annual Report 2019 – 2020

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**FWIN**

*FWIN's Vision Statement:  
"A society where women's potential has  
been realised and all are equal."*

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# FWIN Chairperson's Report

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As Chairperson of Foyle Woman's Information Network. I would like to acknowledge the challenging time that the year 2020 was for us all and in so many different ways.

I want to thank the staff at FWIN for their dedication and flexibility under unrepresented times and it has not been an easy undertaking.

Since 2020 FWIN has evolved its development presentations and communications. FWIN has embraced the digital dialogue and took us all with them and that is no mean feat!

The positive engagement of the various social media outlets – from Facebook to Zoom, have all been utilised. Members are kept informed through regular updates and programmes on Facebook and these have had great viewing figures and been a real aid to those who have had to self-isolate at home.

There is much we have missed, such as our Summer Splashes, Christmas 'get togethers' and Fundraising events, but through the teams fore thought, vision and planning they have ensured that there was plenty to keep members engaged, entertained and involved.

As we move forward into 2021, with hope, we can be assured that FWIN will continue to meet the challenges presented and continue to be a valuable support to our members and the wider community.

*Mildred Garfield*  
Chairperson

# FWIN Co-ordinator's Report

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## **CATHERINE COOKE**

Welcome everyone to this our virtual EGM / AGM never did I imagine we would be doing this on-line and not in person.

Our AGM is usually planned like a military operation and it starts with planning a nice lunch for everyone. Well unfortunately not this time, you will have to make your own today!

I hope that everyone is safe and well, we can see the finishing line in front of us now and we never thought we could get through a pandemic. However it just shows how resilient we are.

This AGM reflects the work carried out from April 2019 to March 2020.

This was pre Covid-19 and we could all meet and engage under normal circumstances.

## **FWIN PROGRAMMES 2019-2020**

### **WICT**

Women Involved in Community Transformation Programme in partnership with TWN, Intercomm and Co-operation Ireland this programme is delivered as part of the Fresh Start Programme.

### **PACT Programme**

A Peace 4 project covering all of Northern Ireland and the 6 border counties delivering Peace and Conflict studies to 500 women in partnership with TWN, Intercomm and Queens University

### **RISP**

Consortium for regional support for women in areas of disadvantage and rural areas. FWIN are one of the 7 partners involved in the consortium which engages with a range of key decision makers and funders on behalf of the women's sector, provides support to groups and distributes information and provide bespoke training, carry out research creating better evidence of issues which impact women for example Brexit, welfare reform etc.

### **Community Relations Council**

Her Story project worked with 8 different groups and culminated in a finale showcasing all the performances. This amazing piece of work was funded by CRC. It included a trip to historical sites where women were classified and executed for being witches.

### **Department of Foreign Affairs**

Funding received enabled the following to happen: Dublin & Boyne Valley Historical Trip – New Grange and Boyne Valley, Florence Court, Summer Gala Easter Craft event, Café Culture event, Up cycling & crocheting, Inspirational Women's Events, Difficult Conversations and Trip to Bundoran.

### **The Executive Office 2019/2020**

TEO project "Building the Peace Programme". This project enabled FWIN to deliver the following: Study trips – Seamus Heaney Centre, Belfast, Hillsborough Castle and Portrush, Cultural Awareness Sessions, Addressing Community Relations Issues – café culture events discussing hard- hitting issues, Craft events, Patriarchy Course, Inspirational Women's events and our annual Networking event.

### **Derry City & Strabane District Council**

FWIN received funding from DCSDC to host a debate on Brexit in the Guildhall with invites sent all the political parties to attend.

# FWIN Co-ordinator's Report

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## **Halifax**

This funding enabled the following to happen: Bus Trip to Mount Stewart, Craft Classes and an Inspirational Women's Event.

## **Arts Council of Northern Ireland**

FWIN received funding from ACNI to host a monthly book club.

## **APEX Grant**

FWIN received a grant of £500 to supplement the work of the book club.

## **Big Lottery**

Funded a wide range of activities including: This included programmes in Computers, Crafting, Wellness and our annual Trip to Belfast City Hall & Christmas Markets.

## **Department for Communities**

CIF - FWIN receive funding from Department for Communities for core costs and salary costs.  
IMPACT

By taking part in the different activities delivered by FWIN women will gain the following:

- Increase in confidence / assertiveness and empowerment
- Increased quality of life
- Increased understanding
- Communication skills
- Intergenerational learning
- A reduction in social isolation
- Increased networking opportunities

## **Information & Engagement**

FWIN send out weekly information bulletins to over 850 women on-line. FWIN posted out 6 bi-monthly newsheets to 389 + 850 online = 1239 women. Our reach is wide and we have a Facebook page and a Twitter account with an up to date webpage.

Annual Conference March 2020: FWIN held an Annual conference with the theme of "*Minding the Peace*" with a wide range of speakers. 250 women attended this event which was held in the Guildhall, kindly funded by TEO. This was the last face to face event we held as we went into lockdown the following week.

I would like to thank the staff of FWIN for their dedication and commitment and also to the management committee of FWIN for their strategic direction and their commitment to the Women of the North West.

I would like to thank the organisations that work in partnership with us and to our funders who put not only their trust but also their money into FWIN.

I would like to thank you our members of FWIN, you are the most important link and without you and your support the Network would not survive.

Thank you.

Catherine Cooke  
Co-ordinator FWIN

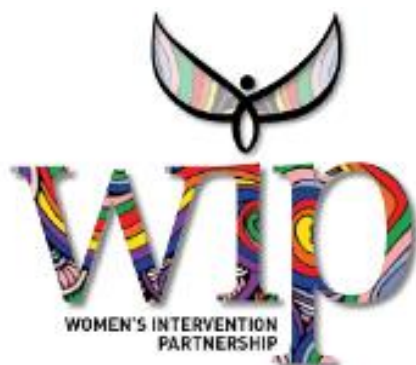
# WICT & RISP Project Officer's Report

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## WICT - Women in Community Transformation

In summary, the period between April 2019 and March 2020 was one of highs and lows for the WICT programme.

- In addition to the established WICT groups (Lisnagelvin, Galliagh, Focus on Family, Tullyally,) three new groups from the Coleraine (The Hub, Harpers Hill and Millburn) were recruited in September following a series of visits to Community Groups in the area. The recruitment drive culminated with the opportunity for those interested in joining the WICT programme to take part in an evening Conversation Event organised by TWN and held in the Crannagh Coleraine.
- A further series of meetings also took place in Strabane throughout February 2020. These meetings generated a lot of interest in the WICT Programme and plans were being set in place for WICT training to start. Unfortunately, however, due to lockdown in March 2020, this group never got established.
- A similar process was carried out in Creggan, however with more success. As the Creggan group had the opportunity to meet twice physically before the lockdown restrictions were imposed.
- Throughout the year a number of activities took place including a visit to the Women's prison (Ash House). The purpose of the visit was to give participants a deeper understanding of the impact of the Justice System on women.
- WICT Residential - took place on the 31<sup>st</sup> January. WICT participants had the opportunity to socialise as well as complete their accreditations.
- Throughout the year WICT participants had the opportunity to listen to a number of invited guest speakers and attend drama pieces.



# WICT & RISP Project Officer's Report

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## RISP – Women's Regional Consortium

- Attended quarterly Consortium meetings and quarterly Outcomes Framework progress meetings.
- Reviewed and submitted comments on Research papers.
- Continue to submit articles for newsletters/e-zines.
- Have met all RISP requirements in terms of engagement with women.

## Hosted 5 members events on key themes and issues:

- Welfare Reform
- RISP Consortium
- WASPI
- Engagement with Derry City & Strabane District Council – Community Planning
- Lawfulness - Judge McElholm
- FWIN promoted the work of the consortium at local conference (La Dolce Vita Conference) 40 participants total.
- Facilitated 1-1 interview session with FWIN member and Dr Laura, University of Strathclyde for her research
- Hosted CIT Workshop – 'Communities in Transition Project' – Feedback Session
- Engagement with PBNi re – mentoring/placements – funding opportunities.
- Facilitated opportunity for women to engage with Sue Gray - Permanent Secretary of the Department of Finance in the Northern Ireland Executive.
- Engaged with the following organisations on funding opportunities: Arts Council Northern Ireland, Apex Housing Association, Verbal Arts Centre and Credit Union.

**AMANDA LEIGHTON**  
Project Officer



# Financial Report

## FOYLE WOMENS INFORMATION NETWORK

### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £	Total Funds 2019 £
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>					
Incoming resources from generating funds:					
Voluntary income	3	<u>5,613</u>	<u>181,606</u>	<u>187,219</u>	<u>165,546</u>
<b>TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES</b>					
		<u>5,613</u>	<u>181,606</u>	<u>187,219</u>	<u>165,546</u>
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>					
Charitable activities	4/5	(4,559)	(171,094)	(175,653)	(144,656)
Governance costs	6	(-)	(1,946)	(1,946)	(1,681)
<b>TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>					
		<u>(4,559)</u>	<u>(173,040)</u>	<u>(177,599)</u>	<u>(146,337)</u>
<b>NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES FOR THE YEAR</b>					
	7	1,054	8,566	9,620	19,209
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
Total funds brought forward		<u>55,275</u>	<u>8,005</u>	<u>63,280</u>	<u>44,071</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>					
		<u>56,329</u>	<u>16,571</u>	<u>72,900</u>	<u>63,280</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.  
All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The charity has no recognised gains and losses other than those included in the results above and therefore no separate statement of total recognised gains and losses have been presented. There is no difference between the net incoming resources for the year stated above and their historical cost equivalents.



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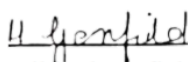
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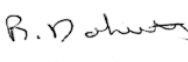
### BALANCE SHEET

31 MARCH 2020

	Note	2020 £	2019 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Tangible assets	9	2,390	950
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Debtors	10	9,401	19,651
Cash at bank		61,709	43,280
		<u>71,110</u>	<u>62,931</u>
<b>CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year</b>	11	<u>(600)</u>	<u>(601)</u>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>70,510</u>	<u>62,330</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>72,900</u>	<u>63,280</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>72,900</u>	<u>63,280</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>			
Restricted income funds	12	16,571	8005
Unrestricted income funds	13	56,329	55,275
		<u>72,900</u>	<u>63,280</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		<u>72,900</u>	<u>63,280</u>

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 17 November 2020, and are signed on behalf of the board by:

  
Mildred Garfield  
Chairperson

  
Rosie Doherty  
Secretary

# FWIN Management Committee 2019 - 2020

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**Chair:** Mildred Garfield  
**Vice Chair:** Marie Coyle  
**Secretary:** Rosie Doherty  
**Treasurer:** Lorraine Bobby

## Committee Members:

- Julie-Ann Coll
- Jean Gormley
- Margaret Irvine
- Rosemary McCafferty
- Niree McMorris
- Lorraine McWilliams
- Victoria Neely
- Lilian Seenoi

## FWIN Staff 2019-2020:

- Catherine Cooke (Co-ordinator)
- Mary Harkin (Financial Administrator)
- Amanda Leighton (WICT / RISP Project Officer)
- Maeve O'Brien (PACT Project Officer - until January 2021)
- Tracy Harrison (Executive Office Project Officer – until March 2020)

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**With thanks to all our funders & partners 2019-2020:**



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