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The **TRANSFORM** Social Enterprise Development Programme 2020
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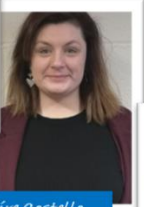
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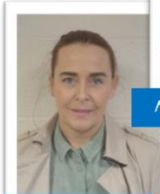
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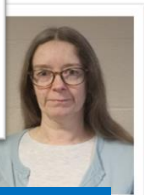
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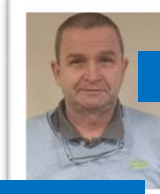
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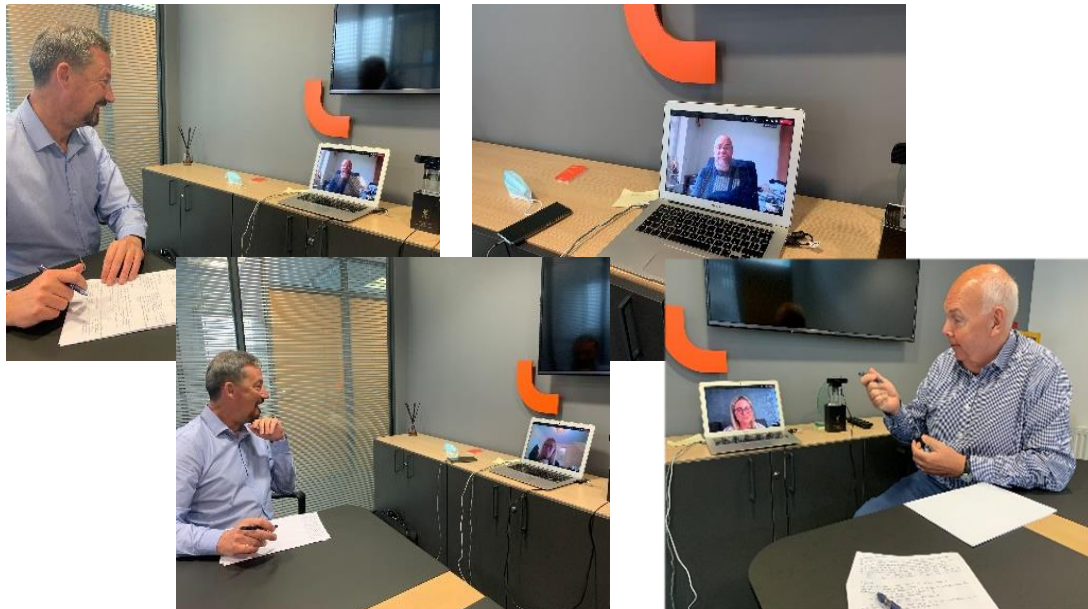
The **TRANSFORM** Social Enterprise Development Programme which is based on the 2020 COHORT for the **ADVANCED DIPLOMA** in **SOCIAL ENTERPRISE** started very brightly in January with 24 enthusiastic participants drawn from across the social enterprise sector in Northern Ireland. Early indications were extremely positive for this cohort in terms of their interaction and engagement with the programme. As with all educational programmes the impact of **Covid 19** and the introduction of Government restrictions resulted in the delivery of all learning being provided through on-line platforms i.e. Ulster University Blackboard Platform and Zoom / MS TEAMS.



It is testament to both the teaching staff and the participants that 22 of the 24 students will graduate in spring 2021. The remaining two participants were granted leave of absence due to illness and will resume when the next cohort commences.

In addition to the University delivered learning the cohort were invited to participate in other digital learning opportunities with The Management & Leadership Networks series of seminars and conferences as well as ad-hoc signposting to online content associated with social enterprise development. Feedback from the cohort indicates a high level of appreciation for the teaching staff as well as the external subject matter experts who provided guest lectures.

As a means of bringing closure to the programme, each participant was asked to attend a formal Course Review session with Steve Pollard Academic Programme Director Ulster University and Bill Manson, TRANSFORM Project Director (representing Flax Trust). This review concentrated on Lessons learned Lessons Applied and Personal Development.



Participants being put through their paces by Steve Pollard and Bill Manson