



## PPN User Guide Review

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#### **Any other Recommendations in relation to the review of the User Guide?**

The ppn is very much reliant on voluntary sector and the drive and commitment of interested individuals who are expected to contribute from their own private resources without recognition or acknowledgement. This is quite unfair and overly presumptuous by the local government authorities and elected representatives.

It seems to be a vehicle through the local government authorities relinquish control and push responsibility and risk onto the unwitting voluntary sector.

Coupled with that, the Charities Act and the GDPR and the Garda vetting of individuals and the obligatory publication of their names and contact details on various official websites leaves them very exposed to the evolving litigious society in Ireland where we cannot obtain public liability and D and O insurance at affordable premiums will result in more and more good and capable voluntary workers walking away for fear of exposing themselves and by extension their families to an unacceptable level of personal risk on foot of the day to day decisions they are required to make on behalf of the community organisations they represent.



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