

PPN Newsletter

Dear PPN Members,

Welcome to the latest edition of the Galway County PPN Newsletter. We hope you find the information, supports and online events useful. We would like to draw your attention to the free training programme called 'Tuesday Trainings' which kicks off this week- don't forget to sign up!

Stay informed, stay in touch [here](#) or on Twitter @GalwayCoPPN #PPNConnect

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PPN NEWS

SPC Meetings

You can keep up to date on what your PPN Reps report back from the Council Committee meetings on the PPN website [here](#).

If you would like to contact your PPN Representative directly to ask questions or give feedback, please contact Charlotte: cmay@galwaycoco.ie.

Over the next few months we will be working to set up a regular two-way feedback system between the Representatives and the wider PPN community.

Next SPC meetings scheduled:

Housing SPC 1 July

Community & Cultural Development SPC - 7 July

Planning, Environment, Agriculture & Emergency Services SPC- 7 July

Climate Change and Biodiversity SPC 20 July

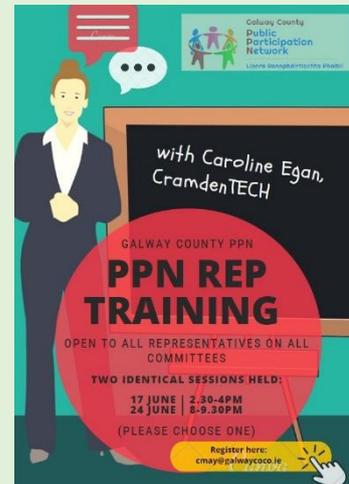
PPN Secretariat meets this week- 2nd July

This week the PPN Secretariat will meet for the **second time** in an **online** capacity. Items up for discussion are the hosting of a Plenary meeting, the Well-being Campaigns and the current status of Linkage groups, amongst others. If you would like to suggest an Agenda item, please contact Charlotte: cmay@galwaycoco.ie.

PPN Reps receive training

On 17th and “4th June, the Galway County PPN Representatives received important training introducing them to their **roles and functions** as PPN representatives. The training sessions were well- attended and were facilitated by Caroline Egan of Cramden Tech, an experienced, expert in organisational training for local authority bodies.

At the trainings the reps learnt about the role of Policy Committees in the Council, the role of Galway PPN on Policy Committees, the role of PPN Representatives, Reporting Requirements, how to identifying PPN Membership Views and the required supports were discussed.



Inagural meeting of the Galway County PPN Green Recovery working Group

On 25 June 2020, the Galway County PPN hosted its first Green recovery working group focusing on a sustainable approach to policy development going forward. 24 participants joined the online discussion and heard a presentation by Dara Molloy.



Guest speaker Dara Molloy from the Fuinneamh Oileáin Árann /The Aran Islands Energy Cooperative shared some insights and suggested for Sustainable Development drawing on the work they've achieved for the Aran Islands. The Aran Energy Co-op is **a community owned energy cooperative** on the Aran Islands at the mouth of Galway Bay. The residents of the three islands, are working towards becoming self-sufficient in locally generated renewable energy and free of dependence on oil, coal and gas by 2022. For more info on their work please visit: <http://www.aranislandsenergycoop.ie/>



The next meeting of the working group will take place on 9 July @7pm. To join us please email: cmay@galwaycoco.ie

Galway County Council and PPN launch #InthisTogether Booklet with competitions

For most of us, getting out and about is an essential part of our daily or weekly routine, however, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, many older or vulnerable individuals have had to **cocoon** at home, and have had to rely on the many wonderful volunteers in their communities to bring them shopping and other essential items.

Galway County Council, in partnership with our colleagues in other public services and the community & voluntary sector on the Community Response Forum, have been working hard to keep everyone safe and supported during this time. In recognition of the fact that many people have been at home for much longer periods of time than they would normally, we have put together this Booklet as a source of **information, advice and entertainment!**

It is aimed at all who have been cocooning, or caring for those cocooning, and as a **celebration of the togetherness** which has been shown by all in preventing the spread of Covid-19.

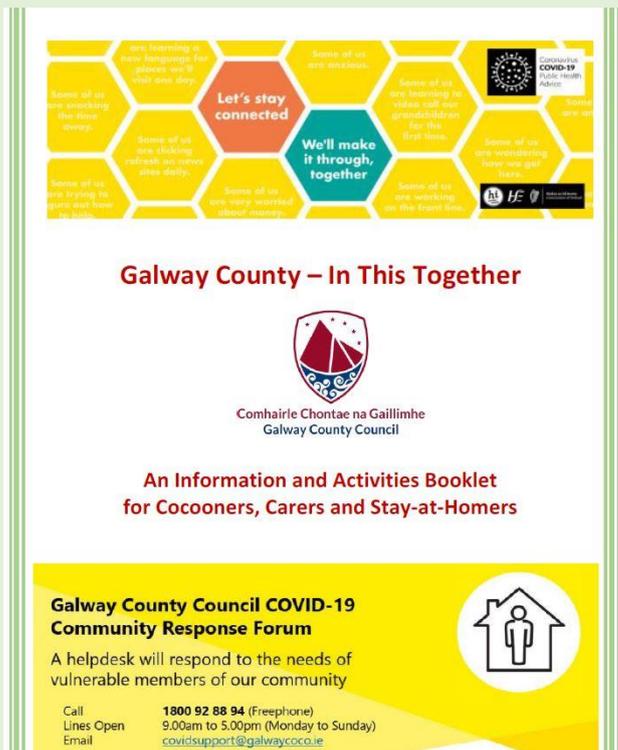
We hope you will find the information and links to other service useful and that you enjoy the various feel-good activities, information, challenges and quizzes which we have designed to be as much about our beautiful County as possible.

Please remember to enter our Competitions by **30th July (extended deadline)** and you could win prizes or become part of the County’s collective memories of this unique time in our history.

Read the booklet here: [Galway – In this Together!](#)

Competitions:

- [Memories on a Postcard](#)
- [The Big Galway Heritage Quiz](#)



PPN Training- revised dates!

Galway County
Public Participation Network
 Líonra Rannpháirtíochta Phoiblí
 Chontae na Gaillimhe

FREE

Tuesday Trainings

Galway County Public Participation Network

TRAINING FOR COMMUNITY GROUPS

How to write funding applications	30 Jun
Designing a website for your group	7 Jul
Planning for the future	21 Jul
GDPR	28 Jul
Growing your groups' online presence	4 Aug
Using the Governance Code	1 Sep

Sign up here: cmay@galwaycoco.ie
 More info at: galwaycounty.ppn.ie

Find out more [here](#)



HAVE YOUR SAY

County Development Plan 2022- 2028- Public Consultation

YOUR PPN REPS need you!!!! Have your say- take part in this Public Consultation!

Mark Green and Aodan mac Donncha, the PPN reps on the Planning and Environment SPC, are seeking your input to a current consultation process.

Galway County Council commenced the preparation of the **2022-2028 County Development Plan** on the 18th June 2020, a process which must be completed within two years, by **May 2022**.

The new County Development Plan will set out **the strategy** for the future planning and sustainable **development** of County Galway up to 2028 and beyond.

The first of three public consultation periods will run for 12 weeks - between **18th June 2020 – 10th September 2020 (inclusive)**.

Take part [here](#)



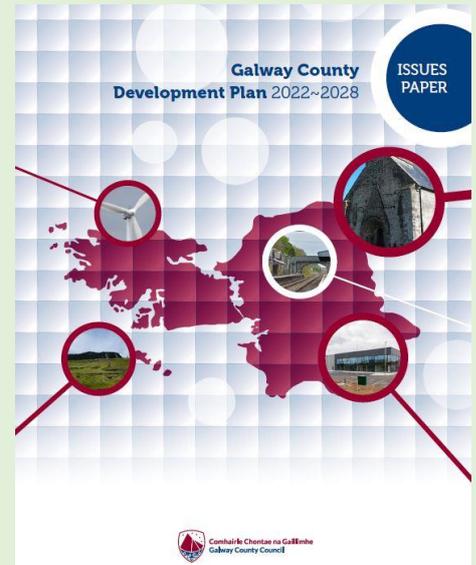
Department of Justice and Equality- online public consultation for a Strategy for the Criminal Justice System.

The Department are consulting with the public to inform its first ever **Strategy for the Criminal Justice System** via an online public consultation.

To gain an insight into the views of the public, the Department is planning to host **interactive online consultation events**.

These seminars will last for approximately two hours in total and will offer participants the opportunity to provide detailed feedback on elements of the Strategy, including its **proposed strategic objectives, guiding principles** and **priority actions**. Interested members of the community may register to attend one of the below online consultation events:

Date	Time	Register by	Link
Wednesday 1 July	2pm	29 June @1pm	https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/interactive-online-public-consultation-tickets-109285694454



**An Roinn Dlí agus Cirt
agus Comhionannais**
Department of Justice
and Equality



Wednesday 15 July

2pm

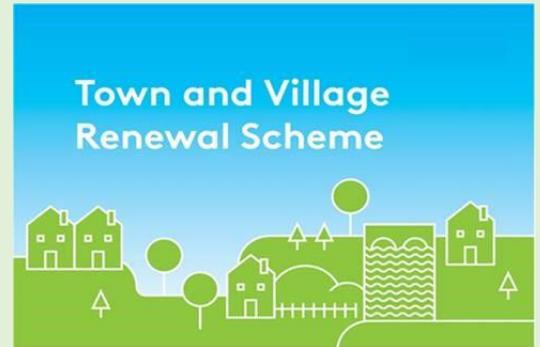
10 July @ 1pm

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/interactive-online-public-consultation-tickets-109286555028>

LOCAL FUNDING SCHEMES

2020 Town and Village Renewal Scheme- Expressions of Interest Sought

In 2020, the Rural Development Investment Programme, including the Town and Village Renewal Scheme, is being tailored to address the **emerging challenges associated with COVID-19**, including a new Accelerated Measure.



Expressions of Interest (EOI) are now sought by Galway County Council, from Business Representative Groups, Community and Voluntary Groups and Local Authorities for the Accelerated Measure (Rounds 1 and 2) and the Main Town and Village Scheme. (Individual businesses are not eligible for this Scheme please refer to www.gov.ie/business).

EOI for Accelerated Measure Round 2 are sought now and closes Monday July 13th
EOI for Main Town and Village Scheme are sought now and closes Monday July 13th

Find out more [here](#)



CLÁR 2020

CLÁR (Ceantair Laga Ard-Riachtanais) is a targeted investment programme for rural areas that aims to provide funding for **small infrastructural projects** in areas that experience disadvantage.

The aim of CLÁR is to support the sustainable development of identified CLÁR areas with the aim of attracting people to live and work there.

There is an allocation of €5million (nationally) in total for 2020, and the following measures will be operated via Local Authorities for a range of School and Community projects.



Measure 1: Support for Safety Measures at Schools & Community Facilities

Measure 2: Support for Community Recreation Areas



Applications must be returned to Galway County Council by Monday, 13 July 2020, at midnight by e-mail to clar@galwaycoco.ie

Find out more [here](#).



Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme 2020- apply now.

The objective of the Scheme is to provide funding for the development of **new outdoor recreational infrastructure** and for the necessary **repair, enhancement or promotion** of **existing** outdoor recreational infrastructure.

The scheme invests in the physical infrastructure that underpins sporting and recreational activities based on the use of the resources of the countryside; these contribute to **healthy active lifestyles** while building on the **economic and tourism potential** of the area, and so are to the benefit of **both local communities and tourist visitors** alike.



The scheme may also provide some limited funding for the **marketing and promotion** of such infrastructure, typically as part of a wider project involving capital supports.

Read more [here](#).



OTHER FUNDING AND SUPPORT

Minister Stanton launches 2020 Communities Integration Fund

€500,000 available for local community projects in 2020- Applications are now open to community groups nationwide who wish to apply for grant funding under the Department of Justice and Equality Communities Integration Fund.

The Communities Integration Fund will provide grant funding for **local community projects** that support the **integration of migrants**. Applications can now be made online to the Funds Administration Unit at the Department of Justice and Equality.

The applications must be in by **1pm, Thursday 16th July, 2020**.

Read more [here](#)

Minister Ring announces €2 million Community Enhancement Programme

Michael Ring TD, the Minister for Rural and Community Development, has announced details of the **2020 Community Enhancement Programme (CEP)** and highlighted the potential benefit of the Programme for local communities.

The CEP is funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development and will provide €2 million of grant funding towards enhancing the **facilities available to communities**. The Programme has a focus on supporting groups in disadvantaged areas.

Typical enhancements under the Programme include the renovation of **community centres** and **community amenities**, improvements to town parks and common areas and spaces, and the purchase of equipment for **community usage**. The Programme has also supported energy efficient upgrades, development of community gardens, provision of defibrillators, CCTV, and sports and IT equipment.

Read more [here](#).

Minister Ring announces first tranche of COVID-19 Stability Scheme Funding- PPN Members included!

Fund designed to provide immediate support to Community and Voluntary Organisations, Charities and Social Enterprises.

Mr Michael Ring, Minister of Rural Community Development announced the approval of €10.5M in funding under **Tranche One** of the **COVID-19 Stability Fund for Community and Voluntary Organisations, Charities and Social Enterprises** (Stability Scheme). **179 organisations** will benefit from this funding initially under Tranche One.

Once-off cash injections of between €2,000 and €200,000 are being awarded to qualifying organisations that provide critical services to those most vulnerable in society to help with short term cash flow issues being suffered due to the COVID crisis.

One of the groups to receive funding was the **Galway Traveller Movement** for its services for Ethnic Minority, Traveller and Roma Communities in Galway during Covid-19 - Well done to all involved!

Read more [here](#).

Minister Madigan announces funding for Small Scale Local Festivals and Summer Schools- 2 Galway Projects included!

The Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht, Josepha Madigan, T.D., has announced a funding allocation of €54,700 to support Small Scale Local Festivals and Summer Schools taking place around Ireland in 2020.

The Scheme is designed to assist **local cultural events** which may not be eligible under funding criteria for larger scale events such as those supported by Fáilte Ireland, the Arts Council and similar bodies. Funding was allocated following a competitive applications process, with a maximum grant of €5,000 available.

2 Galway projects were successful: The [Athenry Arts and Heritage Centre](#) were awarded funding for their Music, Arts & Drama Festival (Online options being considered) and [Headfest](#) for a festival of music, community, sports and arts events.

Applications for Ecclesiastical's €50,000 Movement for Good awards now open

Ecclesiastical has launched the second phase of giving in this year's Movement for Good awards which will culminate in the specialist insurer awarding £50,000 (or the euro equivalent) to ten charities across Ireland and the UK.



The £50,000 awards are open to **eligible charities** registered in the Republic of Ireland and the UK with an income of less than £5million (or the euro equivalent), which support a cause that we know our communities care about: the advancement of **education and skills; citizenship or community development; arts, culture or heritage**.

The applications for the awards will close on **Friday, 24 July 2020**. Further information about the second phase of the awards can be found at: ecclesiastical.com/movementforgood



Arts Council Ireland- Festivals Investment Scheme

The Arts Council announces round one of the Festivals Investment Scheme (FIS) for festivals taking place between January and June 2021.



The Council recognises the distinctive role arts festivals play in sustaining a vibrant and sustainable arts **profile at a local level**. The Council acknowledges the valuable contribution made by voluntary committees in developing these festivals. The scheme will be open to multi-disciplinary festivals and single artform festivals. Deadline **23rd July 2020**. More information available [here](#).

EPA's 2020 Green Enterprise: Innovation for a Circular Economy Call is now open

This call launches a €600,000 funding opportunity for Irish innovators to **develop and demonstrate business-ready** solutions for the **circular economy**. Circular businesses reduce costs by **reusing & recycling materials** already in use; and build vibrant, new businesses.

The EPA's *Green Enterprise: Innovation for a Circular Economy* programme supports organisations to develop and demonstrate new circular economy approaches.



Applications are invited in the following areas:

- Food;
- Construction & Demolition;
- Plastics;
- Resources & raw materials (electrical and electronic equipment, textiles and furniture).

[Click here to view the Green Enterprise call documents.](#)

(To apply for funding, you must be registered on SmartSimple, the EPA's online application and grant management system. User guidance documents and video tutorials are available from the [EPA website](#), and the SmartSimple portal).





Return to work: HELPDESK for community organisations

The Wheel, Irelands association for charities and community groups, has set up a new **helpdesk service** for the sector. The helpdesk offers advice on matter concerning HR, employment law and up-to-date information on the Wage Subsidy Scheme.



- To find out more about the free helpdesk service please see [here](#).



COVID-19 Return to Sport-Sport Ireland E-learning Resource

Sport Ireland has developed an e-learning resource for sports clubs.

The Sport Ireland COVID-19 Return to Sport e-learning resource is intended to supplement Government advice through the Roadmap for the Reopening of Society and Business with specific reference to sport and physical activity.



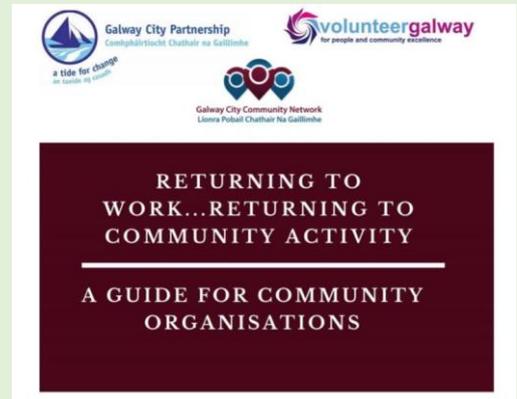
Find the course at: <https://www.sportireland.ie/covid19/course>



Returning to Community Activity: A Guide for Community Organisations

Galway City Community Network, Galway City Partnership and Volunteer Galway have produced **Returning to Work...Returning to Community Activity: A Guide for Community Organisations** as a resource to support community organisations to reopen workplaces and spaces and resume activities with communities and clients in the context of the ongoing COVID-19 environment.

The guide has been produced as a joint initiative and is based on national guidelines. To download the guide click [here](#).



NEWS

New Cathaoirleach and Leas-Chathaoirleach of the County of Galway

At the Annual Meeting of Galway County Council held 16 June 2020 Cllr. James Charity was elected Cathaoirleach of the County of Galway and Cllr. Peter Roche was elected Leas-Chathaoirleach of the County of Galway for 2020/2021.



HSE Information and latest campaign

Stay Safe. Protect each other. Wear a face covering.

The HSE has launched a new phase of its Covid-19 information campaign.

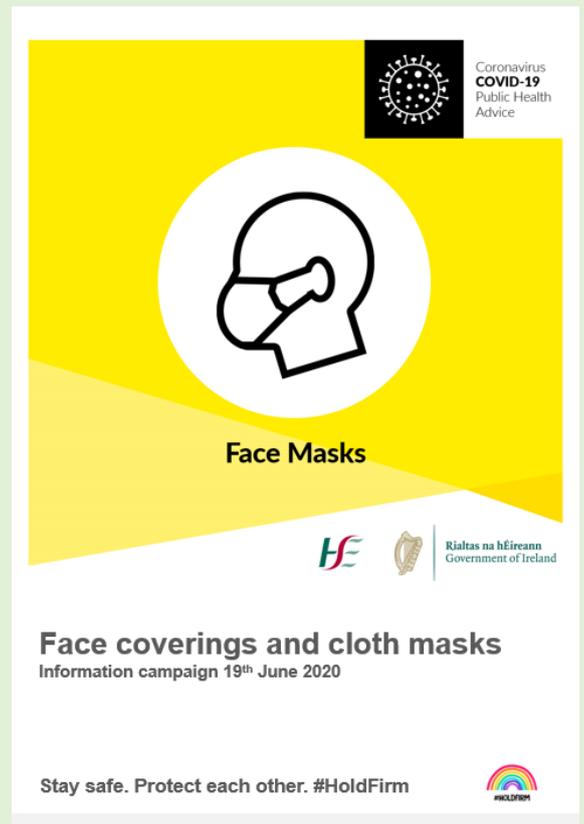
To download the Press Pack please click [here](#)

Visits to Residential Care Facilities During the COVID-19 Pandemic

You can find information from the HSE Health Protection Surveillance Centre (HPSC) on visiting people who live in residential care facilities during the COVID-19 pandemic from 15 June 2020 [here](#).

Visitors at Home During the COVID-19 Pandemic

You can find information from the HSE Health Protection Surveillance Centre (HPSC) on visitors at home [here](#).



Good Governance Awards 2020 Now Open for Entries

The Good Governance Awards (GGA) is an initiative that **recognises** and **encourages** adherence to **good governance** practice by non-profit organisations in Ireland.

Four great reasons to enter the GGA this year:

- (1) It is open for non-profits of **all sizes**.
- (2) Get your entries reviewed by a **first class** assessment and judging panel.
- (3) Enhance your organisation's **reputation** with your stakeholders.





(4) **Boost your team's morale** and gain valuable PR opportunities.

See www.goodgovernanceawards.ie or contact: info@carmichaelireland.ie

for more information.



ONLINE SUPPORTS

Online Counselling and Therapy with MyMind & Pieta House

MyMind recently launched its Covid-19 project, providing fully subsidised, **online counselling** or psychotherapy sessions on mymind.ie.



[Pieta](#), Ireland's national suicide and self-harm prevention charity has moved its delivery of therapy for those experiencing suicidal ideation, self-harm and those bereaved by suicide to online or phone-based services and they continue to support those in immediate crisis through their **24/7 helpline**.





Alzheimers Virtual Cafes

The Alzheimer Society of Ireland are delighted to announce the introduction of their **Virtual Cafés**. They know that people are missing their regular cafes so they are happy to announce their new service which will allow them to connect with each other and share a cuppa from the comfort of your own home. The Virtual Cafes are a place for family carers, those living with dementia, and healthcare professionals, to **gather and listen** to a wide range of guest speakers from all over Ireland.

To date they have held 3 cafés with great success, with speakers such as a **solicitor advising on legal matters** in relation to care, a **naturopath on self-care**, and a member of their community sharing his story of **caring for his wife**. They also have some exciting talks scheduled in the calendar going forward.



For more information about when the cafés are on and how to join click [here](#) or email: galwayvirtualcafe@alzheimer.ie



ONLINE EVENTS

Sponsorship for Charities Webinar

Wednesday, 22 July @ 10am- In collaboration with Keith Whelan (The Grants Guy) The Charities Institute of Ireland will facilitate a webinar on the topic of **Sponsorship for Charities**. This webinar is practical guide to sponsorship for any community group or charity seeking to attain funding through this means. The session will cover current developments in sponsorship and what sponsorship will look like for your organisation post COVID-19.



[Learn more and book your place.](#)



AONTAS Community Education Network (CEN)- Practical Health and Safety aspects of reopening community education centres

Date: Wednesday, 8th July @ 10am

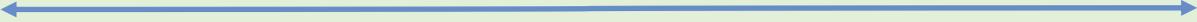
Facilitated by Shane Dunphy of AMPM Safety via Zoom.

Note: If you are not a member of the CEN but would like to attend this important webinar please contact CEN Coordinator Suzanne Kyle at: skyle@aontas.com



The Wheel Webinars

- [Implementing Your Digital Advocacy Campaign - 1 July](#)
- [Social Media for Impact - 8 July](#)



Carmichael Centre Webinars

- [Ready and Able post COVID-19 – Online Course \(15/07/2020\)](#)

The aim of this short online course is to clarify the guidelines, priority steps and actions to be undertaken by community and voluntary groups in response to the current Covid-19 context to safeguard volunteers, employees and service users. Session delivered via Zoom. Fee = €35.

- [Best practice using Zoom to host and run meetings – Online Course \(22/07/2020\)](#)

This short online course is for anyone needing to get a better understanding of how to run and attend meetings using Zoom. Session delivered via Zoom. Fee = €35.

- [Using Social Media to promote your work during a crisis for Beginners - Online Course \(29/07/2020\)](#)

This course will include an introduction to Facebook, Twitter and Instagram as well as tips and advice on how to use each platform to communicate different messages to various audiences. Participants will have a better understanding of how each social media platform is used, and what it is best used for. Session delivered via Zoom. Fee = €35.



- [Managing Events Online – Online Course \(05/08/2020\)](#)

This webinar is for staff and volunteers who are responsible for running events and want to make the move to managing events online, whether it's a panel discussion, webinar, fundraising event or training session. Session delivered via Zoom. Fee = €35.



STAY IN TOUCH

Please stay in contact with us- We are here to support and connect.

Tag us on social media @GalwayCoPPN or forward on resources, and info to update the Network.

Contact: Charlotte May cmay@galwaycoco.ie; Tel: 091 509130

For all the latest PPN news check out our website [here](#).