Supporting Irish family businesses to succeed

Family businesses form the economic and social bedrock of Irish society, accounting for more than 70% of all firms, and contributing approximately 50% of Ireland’s GDP and employment. However, family businesses face unique challenges to their long-term sustainability, which require particular attention.

Since its foundation in 2013, DCU’s National Centre for Family Business has established a strong reputation as a hub of expertise and advice for family firms. DCU’s supporters have played a key role in enabling the Centre to assist Irish family firms to address challenges such as generational succession, integration of family and non-family talent, inheritance and estate planning, growth and exports, and the role of entrepreneurship and innovation in family business success.

In 2018, we were pleased to announce that long-standing supporters AIB and PwC have extended their support for the Centre and have been joined by a new supporter in leading Irish commercial law firm, Beauchamps.

“The support of our partners AIB, Beauchamps and PwC will enable the National Centre for Family Business to develop new and very practical layers of support for Irish family firms.”

Dr Eric Clinton, Director, National Centre for Family Business, DCU

DCU National Centre for Family Business partners AIB, Beauchamps and PwC join MC Gavin Duffy and an impressive range of speakers for the Centre’s annual conference in May 2019.
Irish family executives participated in research by Dr Catherine Faherty of the National Centre for Family Business into the dynamics of trust in family owned firms.

140 attendees at annual conference on “Family Business Values – how they translate into business value”

9 videos in a practical new Family Business Lessons Series launched in May 2019

1,066 subscribers to DCU National Centre for Family Business e-zine

1,000+ website visits per month

3 partners extend support for Centre

1 Family Business Roadshow in Cork