

IRELAND'S NATIONAL FAMILY BUSINESS CONFERENCE 2026

Programme

09:00	Registration, Coffee & Networking	12:15	Lunch & Mingling
09.30	Keynote Address Jack Chambers, T.D., Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation	13:30	Doing Good as Well as Doing Well - Protecting How You've Made Good, and Making Good for Others Too - Denise Charlton, CEO, Community Foundation Ireland - James Murphy, Entrepreneur, Lifes2Good - Fintan Maher, Head of Silvercrest Asset Management (Europe) Ltd
09.45	Introduction to Panel John McGrane, Executive Director, FBN Ireland		
10.00	Panel Discussion: Accelerating Into a Better Future - We Can Actually Do This! - Sean O'Driscoll, Accelerating Infrastructure Taskforce - Cathal Lee, Senior Advisor, Government Affairs, Strategy & Corporate Affairs - Prof. Aoife Foley, Chair, Net Zero Infrastructure, University of Manchester - Moderator: Sarah Carey, Journalist & Broadcaster	14:15	Stay, Acquire or Exit - There is No Successful Family Business Without a Successful Underlying Business to Get It Right for Everybody! - Robert Adams, Co-Founder & President, FOCUS Capital Partners - Stephen Byrne, Director of Client Services, Arachas
10.45	Coffee Break & Networking	15:00	In Conversation With... Bringing It All Together: There's No Successful Family Business Without a Successful Family... - Michael Walsh, President, FBN Ireland - John Loughran, Owner / Director, Sandymount Hotel - Ros Scally, Chief Operating Officer, LHK Group
11.10	Keynote: How Not to Mess it up - Necessary Conversations to Future-Proof your Family Enterprise Mairi Mickel, International Family Business Coach, The Mickel Practice	15:40	Closing Remarks Michael Walsh, President, FBN Ireland
12:00	FBN's Plans for the Coming Year... What Your Membership Will Make Happen for All Your Family! John McGrane, Executive Director, FBN Ireland	15:50	Drinks Reception - Mingling and Homeward Bound

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MEET THIS YEAR'S SPEAKERS



Jack Chambers T.D.

*Minister for Public Expenditure,
Infrastructure, Public Service
Reform and Digitalisation*



John McGrane

*Executive Director,
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