



Membership





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Family businesses are the bedrock of our communities and backbone of our economy.

In the UK, family businesses employ 14 million people, generate a quarter of our GDP and pay £200bn in tax. They offer a model of responsible and sustainable business that needs to be acknowledged, supported and championed alongside regulation that incentivises investment, enables long-term planning, and helps our economy to grow and society to prosper.



About Family Business UK

Family businesses put people first; see values as an asset to be protected and nurtured; have greater freedom to experiment and innovate; take a long-term view; and put the interests of the next generation at the heart of business.

These attributes are essential for building resilience and long-term growth which form a significant part of what distinguishes family business leaders.

Founded in 2001, Family Business UK (FBUK) is the largest organisation in the UK dedicated solely to supporting, representing and championing family business.

We are a growing movement of family businesses working to help build Britain for generations to come. FBUK Members range from first-generation businesses to some of the biggest, oldest and best-known British brands from across every sector, and from all corners of the UK.

Our ambition



As a growing movement of UK family businesses, we're striving to create:

- **policies and regulation that incentivise long-term investment, ensure the financial sustainability of the sector, and provide a unified voice which influences the direction of government policy through:**
 - research and consultations on issues including governance, tax, succession, ESG, family dynamics, and philanthropy.
 - proactive engagement with government on policy reform and new regulation.
- **support networks for family businesses navigating the complexities of family dynamics, multigenerational change, and succession by helping them benefit from:**
 - thought leadership and specialist advisors who appreciate every family business is unique and at a different stage of its journey.
 - best practice frameworks and practical tools and resources tailored to the unique requirements of family businesses, all mapped to the individual life-stages of a multigenerational family business.
 - facilitated networking, peer-to-peer learning, site visits, seminars, workshops, supported by an online Member Resources Centre.

- **greater recognition of family businesses in the UK, and the contribution they make to our economy and society:**
 - championing and celebrating the sector through nationwide campaigns, and coverage in regional and national media channels, and leading trade press.

Dealing with the challenges of leading and managing a family business can feel like a lonely task. We bring family businesses together, provide resources and support, and champion their contribution to our economy and society by giving family businesses:

- **Connectivity and collaboration:** being part of a wider community of family businesses from across the country to network amongst, learn from, and collaborate with.
- **Capability and capacity:** dealing with short-term priorities, and managing bottom-line performance, whilst building resilience and sustained growth over the long-term.
- **Voice and influence:** being widely heard and effectively represented in shaping policy, regulation, and operating environments through advocacy and campaigning.



Membership

As an FBUK Member, you, and any member of your family or business, can benefit from:

- **Being part of a peer network of family businesses**
 - from founder / 1st generation to multi-generational family business across industry sectors, and all corners of the UK.
- **Tailored referrals and introductions**
 - to other family businesses who have either been through, or are facing similar challenges and issues.
- **Materials and resources**
 - including full access to the FBUK Member Resources Centre.
- **Access to subject matter experts**
 - and the UK's leading family business advisors.
- **Exclusive access to FBUK Communities**
 - a forum for peer-to-peer networking and sharing of advice and experiences, organised around a generational profile, role in the family business, or topic of common interest.
- **Invitations to Family Business Visits**
 - to meet a host family, hear their story, learn first-hand about the business, and enjoy peer-to-peer networking.
- **Complimentary copies of FBUK publications**
 - including the FBUK Magazine, user guides and research reports.
- **Access to optional Member-only add-ons**
 - including bespoke initiatives such as retreats and the Future Leaders Programme.



Campaigns



Family Business Week

Which takes place annually during November, is a week-long celebration of UK family businesses. It is designed to ensure the contribution family firms make to our economy and communities up and down the country is recognised and celebrated.

Back Family Businesses

A nationwide campaign drawing attention to the need for government policies that encourage and incentivise family businesses to continue to plan for the long-term, invest in new jobs and skills, new products and services, and expand into new markets.

Programmes and events

FBUK runs a wide range of activities throughout the year that, as a FBUK Member, you can participate in:

Annual Conference

The Annual Conference, attended by more than 400 of the UK's leading family businesses, is our flagship event. It brings family business owners, leaders, and subject matter experts together to share, connect, debate and address some of the most pressing issues facing family businesses. Members benefit from an exclusive discount.





Family Business Visits

Scheduled across the country throughout the year, these visits allow family businesses to meet a host family, hear their story, learn first-hand about the business, tour the facilities, and enjoy peer-to-peer networking.

As a Member, you also have the opportunity to host your own, showcasing your family business and connecting to peers.



Regional events

A series of events across the country that facilitate peer-to-peer learning and collaboration and provide first-hand access to other family business leaders on the key themes and topics of the day.

Residential retreats

Usually designed for a specific group such as NowGens, NextGens or future leaders, our retreats take participants on a journey to help them understand a given theme, how it fits with their family business and what they might do, career-wise, to make the most of it.



COMMUNITIES



FBUK Communities provide a forum for peer-to-peer networking, sharing of advice and experiences, and access to subject matter experts. Members of each Community decide what topics to discuss, how they interact, the type of events they have, and how often.

FBUK Communities are organised around a generational profile, role in the family business, or topic of common interest:

Chairs

Company Chairs experience unique challenges: hiring and managing CEOs, setting remuneration, constructing and managing boards and committees, and overseeing generational change. This Community shares experiences and helps the wider family business community by supporting existing Chairs and those recently appointed or designated, to take up a Chair role.

Family Council

Being a member of a family council comes with a unique set of requirements and challenges, including maintaining family culture, facilitating smooth transition of the business to the next generation, and ensuring the family have the commercial knowledge to make a meaningful contribution to the business.

Family Office

Many family businesses have set up a family office to help them manage and preserve their family wealth. This Community is for family business owners who have or are considering setting up a family office.



NextGen

To give younger family members a safe space to build close connections with fellow future leaders, our NextGen Community meets to hear from inspiring speakers and thought leaders, as well as staying connected throughout the year through a range of residential and social events.

Non-family Executives

This group, comprising senior non-family business leaders, comes together to share the unique experience and perspectives associated with leading a family business from the position of not being a family member themselves.



NowGen

Taking on the reins of a family business comes with the usual responsibility of running a business. But it also comes with the added weight of expectation of carrying the family name and reputation, providing stewardship of the business, and preparing the next generation of leaders to eventually take on that responsibility.

Philanthropy & Foundations

For any Members who include charitable giving or community investment as part of their Family Business, providing an opportunity to hear their peers' experiences in this space and learn from real life examples.

Policy

For those keen to help shape our work with politicians, policymakers and regulators, this group consults on key policy areas and issues to ensure the needs and views of family businesses are represented amongst those setting policy at the highest level of government.

Women in Family Business

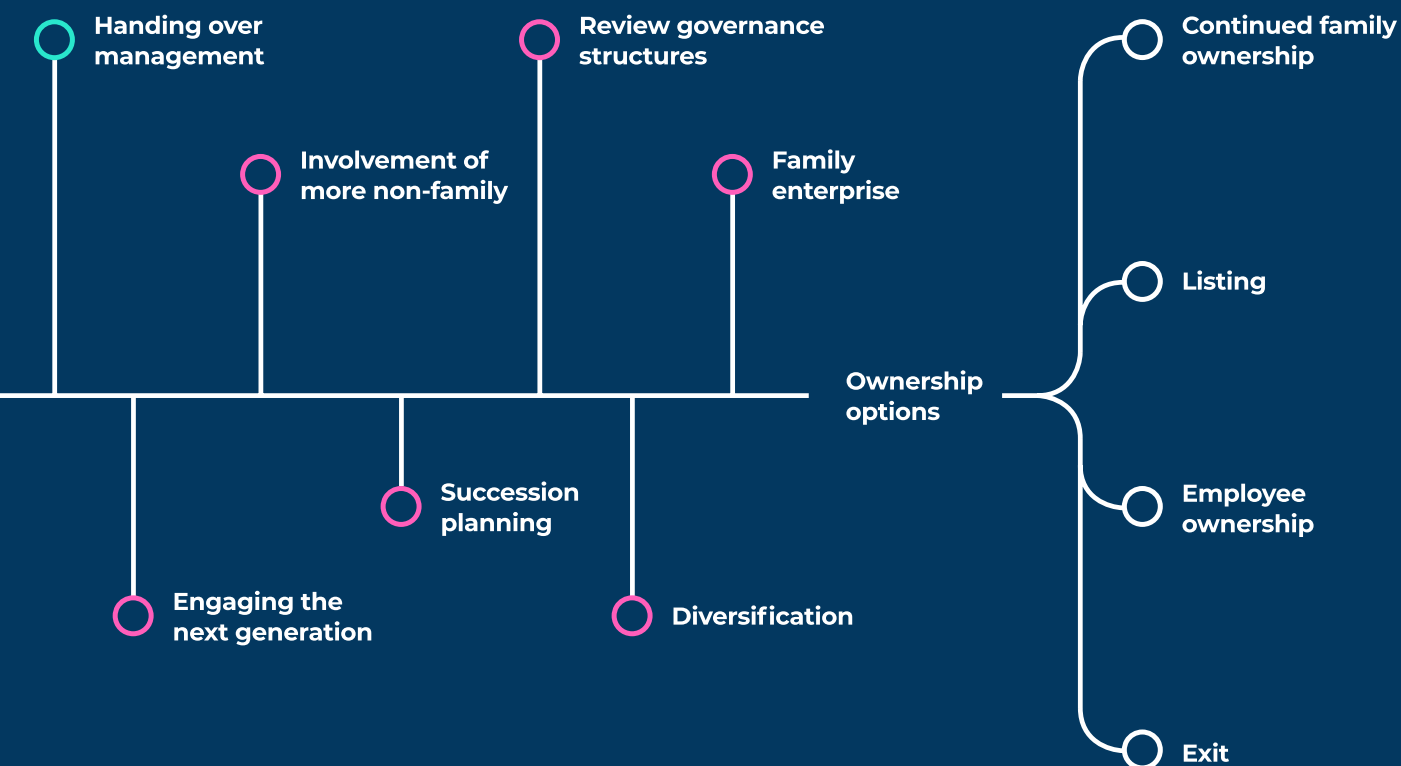
This group supports women in senior leadership roles who are working within family businesses, connecting them with peers and sharing experiences in a safe space.

Resources

FBUK membership allows any member of the family or business to access specialist resources, tools and materials to help successfully run a family business.

FBUK Members have exclusive access to an online Member Resources Centre which provides a directory of other FBUK Members and an interactive resource, the 'FBUK Lifestages' model.





FBUK Lifestages

FBUK's Lifestages materials cover a wide range of topics related to the family business model, governance and succession. They include carefully curated thought-leadership, practical tools, and tutorials, all presented by carefully selected partners, advisors and subject matter experts.

At each stage, it provides help answering questions such as:

- **what should I expect?**
- **who needs to be involved?**
- **what's my role and place?**
- **what are the important questions to ask?**
- **what are the opportunities and pitfalls?**
- **what does a good outcome look like?**

Publications

FBUK Magazine

A quarterly publication supporting our work advocating for the model of family business, providing resources for family businesses navigating multigenerational change and succession, and showcasing the contribution family businesses make to our economy, and communities up and down the country.

The magazine includes policy updates, information on upcoming FBUK research, publications and events, news from the family business world, editorials and opinion pieces.



User guides

Short, accessible and practical guides to help family businesses at key stages on their journey, including:

Succession

Helping both the NowGen and NextGen prepare for, and manage, smooth and effective succession from one generation to the next.

NEDs

Non-Executive Directors, whether family members or not, face a unique set of challenges in a family business. This User Guide helps NEDs navigate the complexities of managing the needs and expectations of the family alongside those of the business.

Family Council

A comprehensive guide to help those leading, or sitting on a family council, ensure it plays an effective role in supporting and engaging family members in the day-to-day management and future direction of the business.



Reports and policy papers

Research and policy proposals to inform new policy design that incentivises and rewards family business growth.

Policy Agenda

Our Policy Agenda, “Building Britain for Generations”, was launched at the 2026 Policy Summit. This sets a clear, practical policy agenda for creating a fairer, more competitive environment in which family businesses can thrive today and for generations to come.



Taxing Futures

Our research reveals the potential economic and fiscal impacts of restricting Inheritance Tax relief for Britain's family businesses and farms, industry sectors, regional economies and parliamentary constituencies.



Scale-Up report

Ground-breaking research from Family Business UK and the ScaleUp Institute shines a light on mid-market family businesses for the first time. The report reveals that they make up around a third of the UK's £1.3 trillion mid-market economy, contribute £142 billion to the economy and employ more than 900,000 people.

Join today

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- Being part of a peer network
- Tailored referrals and introductions
- Materials and resources
- Access to subject matter experts
- Exclusive access to FBUK Communities
- Invitations to Family Business Visits
- Complimentary copies of all FBUK publications
- Discounted Member rates for FBUK events

Family Business UK membership gives family firms a stronger voice, trusted peer connections and practical support.

Join a nationwide network that champions your contribution, influences policy, shares best practice and opens access to communities, events, family visits and resources designed to help family businesses learn, grow and thrive across generations.

Join today!

Visit familybusinessuk.org/membership or **scan the QR code** to find out more, including details of our current membership rates and how to apply. Or speak to one of our membership team at info@familybusinessuk.org





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