

Biography of Richard Mulcahy

Richard Mulcahy has been a successful entrepreneur for over 45 years with extensive management experience in companies as diverse as electronics, health and beauty, software, catering, construction and forestry.

Born in Dublin in 1955, Richard lived under the mantel of being the son of Professor Risteard Mulcahy and grandson of General Richard Mulcahy.

He was formerly founder and owner of a Distribution Company called Natureline Ltd acquired by Cahill May Roberts Group plc. He developed a thriving business in Russia in the late 80s and early 90s as a senior executive with Cahill May Roberts.

In 1994 he became CEO and investor in Systems Solutions (now Clanwilliam Health) and built it up to become the dominant force in Irish retail pharmacy software and spearheaded its move into the UK market where he was responsible for a major deal with Boots The Chemists to develop and implement a new pharmacy system in their 1,600 retail outlets.

Subsequently he was CEO of Fitzers Catering where they won a multi-million Euro deal to provide catering services to Croke Park for 8 years. On major match days and concerts over 1,500 staff were employed.

In 2012 Richard took part in The Secret Millionaire program on RTE, where he lived in the Ballinacurra Weston area of Limerick City. He was honoured to be able to provide some financial support to the community there, but more importantly to be able to shine a spotlight on the wonderful people of this disadvantaged area of the City. He spent 8 years on the board of The Sanctuary with Sister Stan, his last 3 years as chairman.

Richard among other things has run numerous large charity events including the National Wash Day concert in St. Stephens Green and Stars, Choirs and Carols in Croke Park in an attempt to break the world record for the most number of carollers under one roof singing Christmas Carols together.

He has a passion for radio and presented a live weekly radio program called The Last 168 Hours on 103.2 Dublin City FM for over a year.

Having retired from business Richard bought a farm and planted over 130,000 trees because of his interest in the environment. He has been working with the Chief Executive of Wexford County Council in an advisory capacity to attract new businesses to the county together with new initiatives in the area of tourism and recreational activities.

Richard is currently External Chairperson for the Consumer Division of the Uniphar Group Plc

His interests extend to philanthropy where he and his family have been involved with Tipperary County Council in setting up a park 20 years ago to honour General Richard Mulcahy, and has spearheaded with Wexford County Council the opening of the first park to be named after a woman, his grandmother, Min Ryan who was romantically involved with Sean McDiarmada at the time of his execution after the 1916 Rising. The park was officially opened in the summer of 2020.

In December 2022 Richard, along with his brother David, set up an initiative to plant 100 Million Native Trees in Ireland over the next decade.