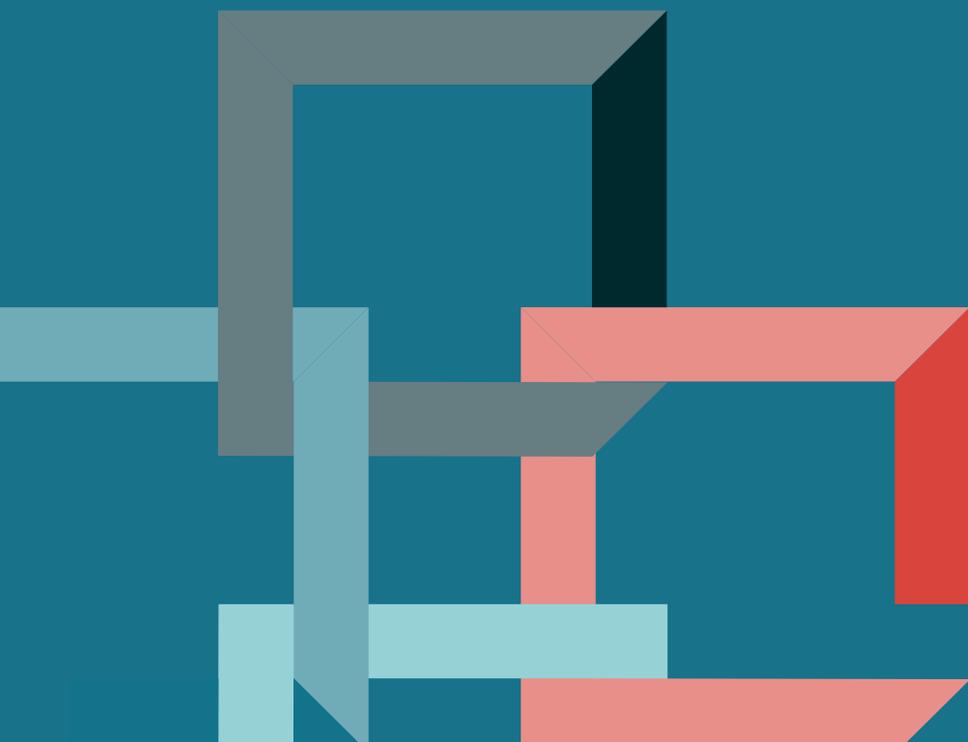




Membership

2017-2018

Become a member of The Defined Contribution Investment Forum (DCIF)





The Defined Contribution Investment Forum (DCIF) is a dynamic community of decision-makers who are committed to promoting investment excellence in UK Defined Contribution (DC) pensions.

DCIF consists of investment managers and other industry participants with an interest in investment. Each representative believes that members of DC pension schemes deserve the best possible investment services to help them meet their retirement objectives.

We are eager to propel investment higher up the agenda of DC decision-makers, enlivening the discussion and highlighting areas for improvement via research and debate. Accordingly, we produce three to four research papers each year which highlight a current problem in the industry, or shine a light on an area which has not historically been the subject of rigorous examination.

Benefits

Some of the benefits of your company becoming a member of DCIF are:

Be associated with ground-breaking research which is provoking important conversations within the industry. Share it freely with your clients, and have your brand displayed on the published document.

Raise your company's profile within the DC industry in the UK.

Have the opportunity to shape the research from the outset. Work with the industry's top academics, consultants, and other research partners. Gain access to unpublished research insights, statistics and contacts.

Attend lunch and learn sessions with a wide range of industry experts to keep abreast of new initiatives. Recent lunch and learn speakers have been Yvonne Braun of the ABI on the pensions dashboard, David Rowley, freelance journalist, on learnings for the UK from the Australian pensions market, and Matthew Blakstad from Nest on behavioural finance.

Network with trustees, consultants and your peers at regular events.

Participate in DCIF roundtables and panel sessions, and invite colleagues and clients to attend as guests.

Research and initiatives



The Forum aims to publish around three research papers a year. Here is an overview of some recent projects:

A major new study into investment strategies of UK Master Trusts was launched on 9 February. Master Trusts are growing fast. When commissioning the study, DCIF members realised that although areas like communication strategy were much scrutinised by the industry, a review of Master Trusts' investment strategies had never been conducted. The group commissioned independent consultant Nico Aspinall to investigate. Seventeen Master Trusts were canvassed about their investment designs, the issues currently facing them, and their plans for the future.

DC experts at a DCIF round table discussion voiced their concerns that members are not receiving access to the most innovative ideas in the investment universe. The discussion formed the basis of a Barriers to Innovation white paper examining a selection of barriers to investment innovation, with two specific focuses: to what extent the charge cap limits innovation, and the degree to which schemes are currently able to access illiquid asset classes.



Other DCIF research and initiatives can be found on the DCIF website: www.dcif.co.uk

The Forum's members meet as a group eight times a year for discussions to shape research proposals and events plans.

DCIF's activities are overseen by its Board of Directors. Research proposals are shaped by its advisory board, which consists of all the Forum's past Chairs, as well as representatives from the pension scheme and consultancy worlds, who provide invaluable perspectives.

DCIF's Articles of Association are available on the website. DCIF also complies with the Competition and Market Authority Rules.

Both Chair and Vice Chair of the Forum are elected for a one year term running January – December and the outcome of the election is provided at the AGM.

The Chair, Vice Chair and Executive Director typically act as press spokespeople for DCIF.

The Chair, Vice Chair, Immediate Past Chair, Executive Director and Finance Director make up the Board of Directors.

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