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Dublin: Helping emerging businesses is not just a nice thing to do — at this stage in Ireland's economic development, actively supporting more start-ups is now a survival issue for the country, according to businessman, Alfie Kane.

Mr Kane, currently chief of a private equity fund and former Eircom boss, was speaking at the launch of the 2008 David Manley Emerging Entrepreneur Awards at the Dublin Chamber of Commerce.

The winner of the 2008 award will receive mentoring and consultancy from top Irish companies, as well as a cash prize.

The awards will be presented in November.

For further details of the awards, log onto davidmanleyawards.ie.