

**ONE CHILD. MANY RELATIONSHIPS. A SHARED UNDERSTANDING
ACROSS THE LIFE SPAN**

**A National Webinar with Dr Bruce Perry, hosted by TUSLA in
collaboration with Atlantic Technological University.**

**What if we could develop a shared way of understanding the children and young
people we meet across ages, roles, disciplines and services?**

Every child and young person develops within a web of relationships and experiences. From pregnancy and the earliest parent infant relationship, through childhood and into adolescence, experiences shape the developing brain and nervous system. Understanding this can help us look beyond what a child is doing and become curious about *what may be happening within and around them*. In this national webinar, Dr Bruce Perry will bring us on a journey through exploring the developing brain, stress and regulation, relationships and connectedness, and what these can teach us about supporting children, young people and families. The webinar offers an opportunity for people and services working across and within Tusla to come together around a shared developmental and relational understanding of the child.

About Dr. Bruce Perry:



Dr Bruce Perry is a psychiatrist and internationally recognised expert on child development, trauma and the developing brain. His work helps us understand how relationships, experiences and stress shape development from infancy through adolescence and across the lifespan. Dr Perry developed the Neurosequential Model and is co-author, with Oprah Winfrey, of *What Happened to You?* His work highlights the central importance of regulation, relationships and connectedness in children's development, wellbeing and healing.

Tusla Learning and Development Programmes:

To strengthen alignment with Dr. Perry's work, Tusla staff and foster carers are encouraged to attend the Tusla internal training programmes offered by WLD.

- *Attachment Relationships in Tusla Practice & Strengthening Attachment Relationship Approach* (play based workshop) are directly informed by the extensive research and international contributions of Dr. Perry.
- *Foundations of being Trauma Aware, Being Trauma Informed, Child and Youth Participation, Togetherness & Life story Work*, are programmes grounded in attachment, neurodevelopment, infant mental health and trauma responsive relational care.

These trainings provide layered learning and translate relational work into practical everyday tools, supporting practitioners and carers to strengthen connection and create relationally safe environments across all care settings.

By linking Dr. Perry's influential work with our ongoing professional development, we aim to ensure the insights shared in this webinar become embedded into practice, enhancing the quality of care and relational attunement throughout our TUSLA.

Who is this for?

- Practitioners
- Therapists
- Foster Carers
- Policy Makers
- Legal Professionals
- All of those who work together for better outcomes for children and young people.

Whether your work brings you into contact with babies, children, teenagers, parents, families or those who care or advocate for them, this webinar offers a way of thinking that can travel across age, role and service boundaries.

Format:

45-minute presentation with Dr. Perry followed by a 45 minutes Live Q & A
On 16th October 2026 @ 2.00

Registration link:

[One Child. Many Relationships. A Shared Understanding Across the Life Span- 16th Oct 2pm – Fill out form](#)

Link to the event will be sent by email on the 14/10/2026