A presentation by Debbie Gilmore, Executive Director of the Arrowsmith Program

Debbie Gilmore will talk about the Arrowsmith Program, the lines of research that were combined to develop the program and the outcomes achieved for individuals with learning difficulties over 35 years. Built on the principle of neuroplasticity, the Arrowsmith Program identifies, intervenes and strengthens the weak cognitive capacities that affect learning.

A number of cognitive functions and dysfunctions will be described and how these impact on the learner in school to those that affect individuals in life. The focus will be on learning disorders that impact academic performance such as reading and writing and some of the studies demonstrating cognitive and academic performance change in these areas as a result of students engaging in the Arrowsmith Program’s cognitive exercises.

Debbie Gilmore first heard about the Arrowsmith Program when she was Head of Diverse Learning Needs at the Catholic Education Office, Sydney. She knew that students with learning difficulties needed more support in schools. Her work as a teacher, literacy adviser, assistant principal and principal helped her understand the need to ‘unlock’ the potential of these students.

Her role as a mother of a son with learning difficulties gave her first hand experience of the struggles of these individuals. After spending a year in Peterborough, Canada where her son was enrolled in Barbara Arrowsmith Young’s Arrowsmith School, she saw the benefits of the program and the changes to her son’s independence and academic learning.

Debbie is now the Executive Director of the Arrowsmith Program and works with schools around the world who are interested in providing the Arrowsmith Program for their students. She holds a Masters of Education and various Graduate Certificates in Education in a range of areas of diverse learning.

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