



# OPENING OF EMPOWERING LIVES CENTRE

Date: Thursday, 30th of August 18

Time: 6.00 Coffee & cake

7:00 Debbie Gilmore  
Executive Director  
Arrowsmith Program - Toronto, Canada

Come and see our Centre, meet some of the current students and staff and find out more about the Arrowsmith program.

Book your seat at  
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## *Meet Debbie*

Debbie Gilmore is the Executive Director of Arrowsmith Program. Debbie first heard about the Arrowsmith Program when she was Head of Diverse Learning Needs at the Catholic Education Office, Sydney, Australia which opened the first Arrowsmith Program in January 2013.

Debbie 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 commenced his Arrowsmith journey at 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 holds a Masters of Education and various Graduate Certificates in Education in a range of areas of diverse learning.