

John Joseph

Keynote speaker and workshop facilitator

John Joseph has an inspiring story to tell. He left school at age 14 to undertake an apprenticeship in the trade of solid plastering. John worked in the family business for eleven years before returning to formal education where he graduated from the University of South Australia with a Masters Degree in Science and Mathematics Education. He taught across junior primary, primary and high school year levels and eventually lectured at teacher-education universities. John also held a system position as Project Officer-Retraining with the Department of Education and Children's Services in South Australia. In this position, John worked with a colleague to construct teacher training and re-training initiatives for people undergoing significant change to their workplace or duties. A consistent theme within this target group was high workplace stress and low coping strategies.

John's vast experience with young people with challenging behaviour and poor attachments to school underpins his desire to formulate change. His thinking about education results from the rich interplay between his coalface experiences, his own schooling, his systemic experience, the years of lecturing at universities, his prolific reading of current research and the face -to-face interactions he has undertaken over the past decade.

Between 1997 and 2015, John Joseph has presented over 1800 keynote addresses, conferences and workshops sessions to more than 350,000 people representing more than 4,000 schools and over 300 Companies across 29 countries. Week after week, he facilitates full-day workshops for student groups where he challenges young people to learn about learning, behaviour and emotions. John uses stunning computer-generated graphics and actual brain dissections to engage kids. He has facilitated the dissections of more than 120, 000 sheep brains! Little wonder that people refer to him as "The Brain Man!"