



In Architecture, if you can't hide something.... you make a feature of it!

Credentials

- Master of Educational Neuroscience
- Master of Education & Certificate IV in Career Development
- Certificate IV in Training and Assessment

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About Dave Brebner

Inspiring Keynote Speaker, Presenter and Author

I am a successful teacher, career coach, husband, and father of 6, who was told by a prominent professor at a young age that I would not achieve much for my future - and would most definitely never work in the public eye. *Why?* Because I had an unknown condition, which we now know as *Tourette Syndrome*.

For me, the hardships of growing up through my teenage years, with an undiagnosed and largely unstudied condition were debilitating. I was a person who was not going to fit the mould of a standard high school education without difficulty.

However, that difficulty has turned out to be a gift as I have achieved far more by not fitting into the standard plan. I know from experience that everybody has something to contribute.

Remember that being different is your biggest asset and you don't have to be like everyone else

I am now driven to support others who can't see a way forward, in their life and career challenges. I absolutely thrive on helping young people establish their vocational calling. Being able to clarify a personal vision and knock down those obstacles are just the first steps to leading a fulfilling career.

As a motivating and engaging speaker and presenter, with a lived experience of walking some very difficult pathways, I now provide clear direction and support for others on their journey.

And the best thing ... I proved the medical advice wrong! I have since achieved an electrical trade qualification, Master's Degree in Education and Career Development, Master's Degree in Educational Neuroscience, and Bachelor of Education in Adult Vocational and Workplace Training. As well as being a full time Teacher for TAFE NSW, I regularly present motivational talks to groups of young people - as the kid who was told he would never achieve anything, much less be in the public eye.

Why work with me?

I offer presentations and bookings to schools, colleges, government, not-for-profit and private enterprises.

Let me connect with your students, staff, and employees as they redefine their purpose, on an often lonely journey.

Attendees of my presentations will come away with a new vigour for knowing their personal value, and what they bring to the workplace, their families, and friends.

Professional Affiliations

Professional Member of the Career Development Association of Australia



Author

Udemy course - *Living with Tourette's*

What others are saying

"David has given presentations to our Year 11 and 12 students at St Marks College. He encouraged them to find their life's purpose. His life story is relevant to young people as he shares about his struggle with Tourette's syndrome and the effects it had on him growing up. He also shares how the lives of those around him, as well as coming to understand his own uniqueness, has released him and let him flourish in life. Dave is a dynamic, engaging, and relevant voice for young people today."

*Daniel Cody – Teacher
St Marks College, 2018*

"As a professional communicator, both as a public speaker and broadcaster, I know the importance of being able to engage an audience with wit, humour and words that paint pictures so as to keep them engaged. Dave is a man who possesses these hard-to-come-by skills. He is a cluey storyteller, an entertaining comic and a wise teacher. Add to that, the outstanding quality of, and care for his work is second-to-none. All in all, I believe Dave qualifies as a truly "bright spark".

*Kerry Denton
Speaker and Broadcaster*

"Dave has the real ability to connect with an audience. During a recent session he delivered on "Tourette's in the workplace", he was able to engage a very mixed group of people; some with moderate intellectual disabilities right through to the qualified trainers and assessors present.

His humorous and highly informative talk kept our interest for the whole 50 minutes. His resources were relevant and well prepared."

*Christine Drimal
Former Assessment Coordinator
NOVA Training Inc*