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Inspired by the leadership and example of 20th century polar explorer Sir Ernest Shackleton, The Shackleton Foundation supports inspirational leaders wishing to make a difference, in particular to the less advantaged.



Everyone has an Antarctic ... What's yours?

About The Shackleton Foundation

Sir Ernest Shackleton is well known as one of the most inspirational leaders of the last century.

While he never achieved his personal dream of being the first to reach the South Pole, his reputation as a leader of men is based on a still greater success: the survival and safe return of all of his team members, whilst overcoming almost unimaginable odds. Shackleton's name lives on as a beacon for courage, bravery and most of all, leadership.

Shackleton's era of heroic exploration is now long gone. However, The Shackleton Foundation believes innumerable challenges still exist where the rallying power and indomitable spirit of Shackleton is needed, in order to make a tangible contribution to the greater good.

Thomas Pynchon wrote "Everyone has an Antarctic". The Foundation exists to support and encourage people who may not otherwise have the opportunity to identify and cross their own Antarctic, particularly where the applicant's chosen project can be shown to directly benefit the less advantaged.

We believe that singular people making singular contributions to the public good can provide inspiration to those around them, and we wish to support them in their endeavours.

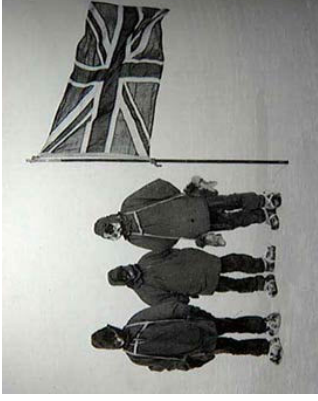
The Foundation hopes that beneficiaries will develop or possess the personal qualities that define leadership: a fierce personal commitment to succeed, a willingness to take intelligent risks, and the ability to inspire and energise those around them to do their utmost towards worthwhile causes.

Founded by descendants of the 1908-9 Nimrod Expedition, The Shackleton Foundation was started in 2007 as a way of celebrating the legacy of the great man in a 21st century context.



2008-9 Nimrod Centenary Expedition

In 1908-09 Sir Ernest Shackleton's Nimrod expedition got to within ninety-seven miles of the South Pole before being forced to turn around in the face of certain death from starvation.



In October 2008 descendants of Sir Ernest Shackleton's original band of Antarctic explorers mounted an expedition to celebrate the centenary of the Nimrod Expedition. They completed unfinished business on behalf of their forebears, by reaching the South Pole on 18th January 2009, having covered 920 miles.



Will Gow, Henry Worsley and Henry Adams at the South Pole

This expedition was The Shackleton Foundation's first major fundraising event, and raised £300,000 for The Foundation.

Shackleton Leadership Awards

The Shackleton Foundation supports individuals of all ages, nationalities and backgrounds who exemplify the spirit of Sir Ernest Shackleton: inspirational leaders wishing to make a difference, in particular to the less advantaged.

Successful applicants for funds from The Foundation are given Shackleton Leadership Awards and the Trustees will make awards of up to £10,000. Awards are granted to those individuals who in the opinion of the Trustees most exemplify the spirit of Ernest Shackleton. Applications are accepted from individuals rather than organisations.

The Foundation is seeking to develop awards within a number of specific areas, including the environment, education, medicine, the arts, business, and sport and seeks sponsors who may wish to support a particular area of interest.

The Foundation's first recipient was Nick Nielsen, founder of Envision, a charity working with young people in inner city communities.



The Foundation has recently supported Rachael Roser in realising her vision to create a "Heroes for the Future" programme for 11-13 year old children in the Hastings area. This groundbreaking idea helps to give children the opportunity to understand about local and national heroes, and in so doing inspire them to greater aspirations.

If you wish to apply for a Shackleton Leadership Award, or know of someone who is worthy of receiving an award, please email applications@shackletonfoundation.org.