



Felicity Aston MBE – Explorer, Scientist, Speaker and Author

Felicity Aston is the first - and only - woman in the world to ski across Antarctica alone. Moreover, the 1744km, 59-day journey made her the first person in the world to traverse the continent purely by muscle power without the aid of kites or machines, earning her a place in the Guinness Book of World Records. Trained as a physicist and meteorologist, Felicity began her career with three years on a remote research station on the Antarctic Peninsula monitoring climate and ozone, and in 2015 she was awarded the Queen's Polar Medal for services in Antarctica and was appointed MBE for services to Polar Exploration.

However Felicity is far more than a solo success story. She is an inspirational leader, transforming the lives of many women through creating extraordinary, challenging and inclusive expeditions to far-flung corners of the world. The most recent was the Women's Euro-Arabian North Pole Expedition bringing together women from Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Kuwait, Oman, Sweden, Slovenia, Russia, France and the UK, who together reached the top of the world by ski in April 2018. Previously, she led several other notable expeditions including the first British women's crossing of Greenland, a 35,000km expedition in a Land Rover Defender to the Pole of Cold (the coldest inhabited place in the world) and the 38-day, 911km Kaspersky Lab Commonwealth Antarctic Expedition in 2009, the largest and most international women's team ever to ski to the South Pole.

An engaging speaker, author and presenter, her most recent television series was 'Operation Gold Rush' retracing the route of the 1898 Klondike stampede across the Yukon, co-presented with Dan Snow and Kevin Fong. She has written three books with a fourth due to be published in January 2021.

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