

Matt McFadyen

Youngest Australian to Reach the North Pole

Antarctica: A Journey to the Ends of the Earth. As a 22 year old, Matt and 4 others set sail aboard a 43 ft yacht bound for Antarctica on a 54 day expedition across one of the deadliest and dangerous oceans on the planet. After a near fatal storm nearly a thousand miles from land, Matt's and the team's heroic fight for survival sparked a change in Matt's life and the event became the foundation of his leadership journey.

North Pole: Sitting Still Means Going Backwards. Matt's brush with death in the icy waters of the Great Southern Ocean ignited a passion to lead others to the ends of the earth. Matt became the youngest Australian to reach the North Pole, returning as an expedition co-leader on 2 more occasions. Surviving -45°C to battling ice drifts that move the team backwards while dragging heavy sleds, Matt knows the perseverance needed to lead a team through challenge, change and ambiguity.

A Journey: To Leadership. In 5 short years Matt went from being a 22 year old novice adventurer to co leading his 3rd expedition to the North Pole & partnering with PricewaterhouseCoopers on an 18 month firm wide engagement program. Join Matt as he delivers the insights into his Journey to leadership. Not only will the audience walk away engaged & inspired but they will gain valuable knowledge & tips to accelerate their own journey to leadership.

Beyond the Circle: Getting Outside the Box. In the summer of 2013, Matt McFadyen attempted and successfully completed his most ambitious and challenging expedition to date. Matt and partner Cam Webb rowed, sailed and dragged a 17.5 foot open rowboat across 2,000 miles of ice-choked Arctic waters known as the Northwest Passage. This 41-day expedition would push Matt to both his physical and mental limits.

Matt's presentation focuses on three key, very relevant areas, including:

- Recovery
- Sustaining Performance Over the Long Term
- Balanced Leadership: Focusing on Goals, Relationship, and Health

In his presentation, Matt shares the detailed preparation and planning, execution and the sheer determination he and Cam showed to complete this incredible expedition, all while giving organizations relevant and tangible tips to be better leaders.