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Top Skills

Motivational Speaking
Public Speaking
Keynote

Honors-Awards

Appointed United Nations Education/
Science and Cultural Organization
Goodwill Ambassador with Special
Responsibility for Youth (UNESCO)
Polar Medal by Her Majesty Queen
Elizabeth II
UN NOVUS Summit Award at UN
Headquarters, NY for contribution to
the 17 SDGs
Winner of the United Nations Global
500 award
Torchbearer of the 2008 Summer
Olympics torch relay in St
Petersburg, Russia

Publications

In the Footsteps of Scott
Icewalk
Destination: Antarctica
Antarctica 2041: My Quest to Save
the Earth's Last Wilderness

Robert Swan

OBE, FRGS, Founder @ 2041 Foundation, UN Goodwill
Ambassador for Youth, First person to walk to both North & South
Poles
Auburn, California

Summary

Robert Swan, OBE is the world's first person to walk to both the North and South Poles. He earned his place alongside the greatest explorers in history accomplishing this feat by age 33. His 900-mile journey to the South Pole, 'In the Footsteps of Scott,' stands as the longest unassisted walk ever made on Earth. These polar experiences helped shape Swan's life goal: to ensure the preservation of Antarctica, Earth's last great wilderness. He founded the 2041 Foundation, a 501(c)(3) charitable organization dedicated to this goal. Key initiatives include partnerships since the early 1990's with the United Nations World Summit for Sustainable Development and a wide range of global and local environmental missions. Swan's expeditions continue to inspire youth, educators and executives alike to become sustainable leaders. Swan remains dedicated to the preservation of Antarctica through the promotion of recycling, renewable energy and sustainability practices to combat the effects of climate change.

Experience

2041 Foundation Inc.
Founder
January 1992 - Present (28 years 5 months)
Truckee, CA

Our vision for 2041 is to have committed leaders and champions for Antarctica, emerging from every corner of society, working together to create a sustainable world: Enlightened, Empowered, Engaged. It is our mission to build personal leadership skills among people who choose to embrace the challenge of sustaining all forms of life – in their families, communities, organizations and the planet. We will do this by informing, engaging and inspiring the next generation of leaders to take responsibility, be sustainable, and know that now is the time for action in policy development, sustainable business generation and future technologies.

www.2041foundation.org

2041

Communication expert and motivational speaker for environmental preservation

January 1992 - Present (28 years 5 months)

Global

Notable Speaking Engagements :

1992: Invited as a keynote speaker at the first Earth Summit held in Rio de Janeiro. Committed to deliver a global and local environmental mission involving, industry, business, and young people to the next World Summit

2002: Successfully presented the results from his 1992 global and local environmental missions to world leaders at the Johannesburg World Summit for Sustainable Development

2008: Lectured at 26 prominent universities, including Stanford, Berkeley, and University California Los Angeles, along the West coast of the U.S. as Phase 1 of "The Voyage for Cleaner Energy". Lectures highlighted the convenient ways that individuals can implement sustainable practices in their lives

2012: TEDx Antarctica Peninsula – "From Words to Action: Lessons from Antarctica." TED (Technology, entertainment, design) is a global set of conferences offering free knowledge and inspiration from the world's most inspired thinkers. TEDx are independent TED like events.

2012: Return speaker at the third Earth Summit for Sustainable Development in Rio de Janeiro

2013: TEDx United Nations Plaza – "Leadership on the Edge"

2014: TED Global, Rio de Janeiro

2015: Advisory Board, Corporate Eco-Forum Silicon Valley

Robert Swan's 2041 Voyage for Cleaner Energy

Founder

January 2003 - December 2012 (10 years)

San Francisco Bay Area

The Voyage for Cleaner Energy is an expedition by Robert Swan and his team at 2041 to increase awareness about environmental issues related to climate change and to inspire young people to lead the way in implementing practical, viable solutions. Starting in Cape Town, South Africa, yacht '2041' has spread the message of renewable energy and sustainability to places throughout the world, including Antarctica, Europe, and Australia, Middle East and has circumnavigated the coasts of both Africa and the United States of America.

The yacht and Robert Swan have been featured guests of multiple universities and schools throughout the globe, as well as the 2009 UN Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen. Voyaging almost 120 000 nautical miles over a period of 8 years, the Voyage for Cleaner energy connected with over 450 000 students from around the world with personal talks from Robert Swan. The yacht is fitted with a variety of eco-friendly features, including sails made entirely from recycled plastic bottles.

Leeds Metropolitan University
Honorary Professor of Environment
January 2008 - May 2008 (5 months)
Leeds, United Kingdom

Education

Durham University
Honorary Doctor of Science · (2015 - 2015)

Robert Gordon University
Honorary Doctor of Letters · (1995 - 1995)

Durham University
Bachelor of Arts - BA, Ancient History · (1976 - 1979)