

# Following in the footsteps of the great explorers

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A journey like no other and only for the serious adventurer. Almost a century after Amundsen, Scott and Shackleton, Ken Kinsey-Quick of Thames River Capital decided to turn his dream of skiing overland to the Geographic South Pole into a reality. With family and work commitments, completing the whole trek from coast to pole would take months and Ken had only weeks to spare. He therefore undertook the shorter but no less arduous 'Last Degree' trek in December which involved pulling your own kit in a sled over 110km of ice and snow, 10,000ft above sea level and at temperatures reaching minus 40 degrees centigrade. With still less than 300 people in the history of the world who have reached this destination on skis, Ken achieved his extraordinary dream on 21 December 2006 when he 'planted' the ARK flag at the South Pole.

Talking to ARK on his return to London, Ken said:

*"I had looked forward to the expedition and trained hard for many months to make sure that I was physically and mentally ready. Nothing, though, could fully prepare me for the reality of the trip, of the awesome snow landscape covering millions of unpopulated square kilometres and trekking in an average temperature of minus 30 degrees centigrade."*

*"Would I do it again? Right now I'm very glad to be home with my family. Who knows in the future – there's always the Arctic ice cap..."*



**Ken is raising money to fund an ARK Pastoral Programme Development Coordinator for the Schools network and, to date, has raised over £110,000 in pledges, but he is determined to get to his target of £150,000. If you would like to sponsor Ken, please contact Tercia West at ARK on +44 20 7395 2063 or via [info@arkonline.org](mailto:info@arkonline.org).**

ARK is very grateful for Ken's commitment to its work and for the generous support from those listed below who have already pledged support for Ken's remarkable achievement.

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