

Marc Cornelissen (1968)

After graduating from the Technical University of Delft, he exchanged a fledgling career as an architect for that of a professional adventurer.

Among other things, Marc reached the geographic North and South Poles (1997, 2000) under his own strength, an achievement which has only been achieved by a handful of people around the world. His explorations of remote and hard-to-reach areas have formed the basis for television documentaries, books, articles and inspirational talks and training courses for the business community.

In the North Pole area, in particular, Marc has seen the impact of climate change with his own eyes. This gave him the impetus to support climate research in the polar region, to draw attention to the problem and to develop projects which primarily focus on finding solutions. This led among other things to the introduction of the Ben & Jerry's Climate Change College and the HIER climate reporter programme.

Apart from having a solid reputation in the area of climate change and sustainability, he is also one of the most in-demand and valued speakers and trainers in the area of cooperation and organisation issues. The experience he has gained has also turned out to be extremely valuable in guiding organisations which are involved in a sustainability process.

Marc lives with his wife Marijke and daughter Jill in Maassluis.

