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Parker Liautaud is a polar explorer and climate change campaigner. He has undertaken three expeditions to the North Pole and one to the South Pole. In 2013, Liautaud completed the fastest human-powered trek from the coast of Antarctica to the South Pole. He is the youngest man to walk to the South Pole without external assistance. Through his expeditions, he has partnered with leading academic institutions, including the International Atomic Energy Agency, GNS New Zealand, and others to conduct research on the climate system. He has also worked closely with the United Nations Foundation and the Yale Climate and Energy Institute on the communication of climate science.

His most recent expedition, the Willis Resilience Expedition, featured a 16-episode live show dedicated to climate change, which hosted 25 debates and discussions on the issue with leading experts from the scientific community, the private sector, NGOs, and government.

He has been featured in over 200 media outlets around the world, including The New York Times, The Washington Post, National Geographic, and The Guardian. In December 2013, he was named to Time Magazine’s 30 Under 30 list of people changing the world, and in March 2014, he was honored by The White House as a Champion of Change for Engaging the Next Generation of Conservation Leaders.

Liautaud is also an ambassador for One Young World. He studies Geology & Geophysics at Yale University