

Bio - Dr Alan Goodall

In outline....	Born 6 June 1939 in Birkenhead, England (youngest of Eleven children)
Primary Education	St John's Primary School, Birkenhead, UK - passed Eleven Plus (1944/5 - 1950)
Secondary Education	Rock Ferry High School, Wirral, Merseyside, UK. (1950 - 1957)
National Service	Radiographer in RAMC, BMH Kinrara, Kuala Lumpur, Malaya. (1958 - 1960)
Teacher Training.	Certificate in Education from the University of Southampton; (1961 - 1964) CNNA Diploma in Educational Technology. (Jordanhill College, Glasgow, 1982 - 1984)
University Education	Honours B.Sc. and Ph.D Degrees from the University of Liverpool (1967 - 1974)
Teaching	Trained and served as a Youth Club Leader - Co-operative Society, Birkenhead (1957) In Primary and Secondary Schools (Birkenhead, Wirral and Scotland) (1964 - 1967) Lecturer in Environmental Biology, University of the West of Scotland (UWS) (1974-1990)
Research	Doctoral Research on Mountain Gorillas in Rwanda and Zaire (DRC) (1970 - 1974) Funded by a NATO Scholarship award. Conducted Project 1731 for WWF re Distribution of all Eastern Gorillas in Zaire (1979/1980) Director of Karisoke Research Centre, Rwanda (1987 - 1989)
Media work	Director of Audio Visual Media Services, University of Strathclyde (1990 - 1999) Invited to give Keynote Presentations to the National Conferences in China, (NCMT, 1997 - 2006) Gave Keynote, 2nd Arabian Gulf Medical Conference on ' Medicine, the State of the Art' (2000) Numerous other presentations in many countries.
Honorary positions	Honorary Consul for Rwanda in the Scottish Parliament (1999 - 2004) Honorary Doctor of the University from (University of the West of Scotland, UWS - 2018)
Awards	Winston Churchill Fellowship, Lord Beaverbrook Award Fellow (1999)
Sports qualifications	National Coaching Certificates in Tennis, Table Tennis and Ski Instruction
Retirement	Presently living in Allos, Southern French Alps. Creative work and continuing helping with Rwanda reconstruction (especially re Batwa peoples)
Hobbies	Skiing, Mountain walking and photography pursuits

Dr Alan Goodall has a Certificate in Education from the University of Southampton; and a CNNA Diploma in Educational Technology from Jordanhill College in Glasgow. He has taught in all levels of education from primary to tertiary. From 1974-1990 he was a Lecturer in Environmental Biology in what is now the University of the West of Scotland. In 2018 in recognition of his teaching and research he was awarded an Honorary Doctor of the University by the University of the West of Scotland (UWS)

He has over thirty years experience in using media to improve communication in education and business and has been asked to advise governments, universities and other institutions world-wide. Especially after his award of a Winston Churchill Fellowship in 1999 re “Creating Virtual Environments for Education and Training”

Alan’s scientific research into the behavioural ecology and conservation of the rare Mountain Gorillas in Central Africa is well known internationally. In addition to his scientific and popular publications he published “The Wandering Gorillas” (Collins 1979) and produced several video programmes. One of which, “Among Mountain Gorillas” has won international awards, and been broadcast worldwide. This is now available on Alan’s YouTube channel - where it has been viewed over 260 thousand times - and had very good reviews. Some of his material has been used in several BBC programmes - including Sir David Attenborough's series 'Trials of Life'. Alan Goodall was the first scientist to work with Dian Fossey - way back in 1970. He left Karisoke Research Centre in 1971 and continued his research in the Kahuzi-Biega National Park in Zaire. There he was based at IRSAC (Institute pour la Recherche Scientifique en Afrique Centrale) near Bukavu, under the Director Dr Peter Kunkel. He has been back to Zaire and Rwanda on a number of occasions - and became Director of Karisoke Research Centre (1987 - 1989) after the murder of Dian Fossey. He was one of the first westerners to return to Rwanda at the end of the civil war in 1994 – where he briefly assisted the UNAMIR Force Commander Major General Romeo Dallaire during post war field operations.

From 1990 - 1999 he was Director of AV Media Services at the University of Strathclyde, Glasgow. The AV Media Services department had over forty staff and was one of the largest of its kind in the UK. It designed and produced high quality material for teaching, research and promotional activities in all media - from full colour DTP to video, CD ROMs, DVD’s, Virtual Reality and via on-line delivery over intra and internets. The department was very well equipped with the latest design and production technology - including non-linear digital editing for audio, video and multimedia production. AV Media Services won numerous awards in national and international competitions for its programmes.

Alan has travelled extensively worldwide and especially throughout USA, China and SE Asia. He has been asked to advise several universities, government departments and industrial developers in Malaysia on the role of interactive media. He was invited to give a keynote address at The Sixth National Conference on Multimedia (NCMT'97) held at Xi'an, Peoples Republic of China in October 1997. He was the first Westerner to be invited to these National Conferences in China - and the only one at this conferences and several following events. In 1998 he was invited back to China to give a keynote address on Virtual Reality at their Seventh National Conference. This was held at the National University for Defence Technology in Changsha, and again he was the only westerner invited. He gave another keynote address at China’s 15th NCMT, held in October 2006 at Kunming. He has worked a great deal with the UK’s British Council - especially in China and Malaysia

Alan gave the 1998 Christmas lecture on behalf of the Royal Scottish Geographical Society in conjunction with the University of Strathclyde. The lecture was entitled "Among Mountain Gorillas – A Virtually Real Safari". It showed how the new interactive technologies could be used to enhance our experiences and included videoconferencing, WWW information searches, virtual reality and full stereo surround sound. Subsequently the lecture went ‘on-tour’ to four major cities in Scotland and was well received. In 1999 he was awarded a prestigious Winston Churchill Fellowship, when he was selected by the Winston Churchill Memorial Trust to become the Lord Beaverbrook Award Fellow. This enabled him to travel the world - especially USA, China, Malaysia, Japan and Australia - to research into the role of Virtual Reality Technology in Education and Training.

In November 2000 Alan was invited to give a keynote presentation at the 2nd Arabian Gulf Medical Associations Conference on ' Medicine, the State of the Art'. In December 2000 he gave the Christmas lecture at the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow entitled "Medicine in Cyberspace – educating tomorrow's digital doctors".

In 1999 Alan was appointed the Honorary Consul for Rwanda in Scotland. This appointment was recognised by the U.K. Foreign & Commonwealth Office. In this role he was presented to H.M. Queen Elizabeth in 1999 at the opening of the new Scottish Parliament in Edinburgh. The new Government of National Unity in Rwanda invited him on a familiarisation visit in July 2001. He later spent three months in Rwanda in 2002 – working especially with Kigali Institute of Science, Technology & Management (KIST) producing a promotional video (Realising our Potential), and advising other institutions such as Kigali Health Institute, Kigali Institute of Education, National University of Rwanda and the Rwandan government (RITA) on the use of ICT in education. This scope of this co-operation was presented to the Royal Society by Professor Silas Lwakabamba in November 2001. This work was described as "The way North/South co-operation should be done" - by Sir David King, when he was Scientific Advisor to Tony Blair.

In July 2018 Alan was awarded an Honorary Doctor of the University by the University of the West of Scotland (UWS). This was for his teaching, his research and conservation efforts and his work as the Rwandan Diplomat in the Scottish Parliament. His remit had been to help in the rebuilding process after the terrible war and Genocide in 1994. Alan and his many colleagues throughout Scotland made great contributions - especially in Education.

Alan retired to live in Allos, Southern French Alps in 2004, but he continues his International work – especially regarding educational links between Scotland, China and Rwanda using the new Information and Communication Technologies. He has also been working with others in Scotland and France to help with capacity building in Rwanda, especially for the Batwa (pygmoid) peoples who were the original forest dwellers in the Great Lakes region. They were later evicted when the Virunga National Park was created in 1925 - to save the rare Mountain Gorillas.

Alan now creates interactive iBooks (Apple Books) posts videos of his research on his YouTube website and reaches a global audience via his FaceBook page.

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My Winston Churchill Fellowship research on Virtual Reality

<https://www.churchillfellowship.org/ideas-experts/fellows-directory/alan-goodall>

YouTube https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCxO3c_uWjlrNFpTYUcbAKDQ

