

## Dr Alan Goodall – International Speaker, Scientist & Media Innovator

Dr Alan Goodall is an internationally recognised biologist, educator, and media specialist with a distinguished career spanning six decades. He is especially known for his pioneering research on the endangered mountain gorillas of Central Africa and was the first scientist to work with Dian Fossey in Rwanda. His book *\*The Wandering Gorillas\** and his award-winning documentary *\*Among Mountain Gorillas\** have reached global audiences and been featured in BBC series including David Attenborough's *\*Trials of Life\**.

Alan holds a Ph.D. in Behavioural Ecology from the University of Liverpool and was later awarded an Honorary Doctorate by the University of the West of Scotland for his lifelong contributions to education, research, and conservation. He served as Director of the Karisoke Research Centre in Rwanda and returned there following the 1994 genocide, contributing to post-conflict recovery and education.

A Churchill Fellow and Lord Beaverbrook Award recipient, Dr Goodall has advised governments and institutions around the world, especially in China, Malaysia, and Rwanda, on the use of interactive media and virtual reality in education. As Director of AV Media Services at the University of Strathclyde, he led one of the UK's most advanced multimedia production units.

He was appointed Honorary Consul for Rwanda in Scotland (1999–2004) and has played a key role in North–South educational collaborations. Now based in the French Alps, Alan continues his work through digital media, supporting capacity-building efforts in Rwanda and creating globally accessible content through his YouTube and Apple Books platforms

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