



**Ann Gloag
Non Executive Director
Stagecoach Group plc**

Ann Gloag is co-founder of the transport company Stagecoach and served as an executive director until May 2000.

Through her Balcraig and Gloag Foundations, she has invested heavily in Africa.

In Kenya, she funds and runs an orphanage and school in Nairobi and set up a women's rescue centre with the co-operation of the local Maasai chiefs. She also runs a school for 200 children in the world's largest slum, Kibera.
www.kenyachildrenshome.org.uk

In 2008, Ann established the Freedom From Fistula Foundation, a charity dedicated to helping women who are injured and left incontinent following prolonged, obstructed childbirth. The charity is already working in Sierra Leone, Liberia, Kenya, Ethiopia and Malawi and its Ambassadors include Lorraine Kelly, Linda Bennett (founder of LK Bennett) and the President of Liberia, Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf. www.freedomfromfistula.org.uk

Ann also serves on the international and UK boards of Mercy Ships – a hospital ship charity providing free medical and humanitarian aid to the people of West Africa. In 1999 she bought the charity a former Danish rail ferry and spearheaded its conversion into the world's largest charity hospital ship - the *Africa Mercy*. www.mercyships.org.uk

Ann has previously helped establish a hospital in Malawi and currently sits on the Malawi Advisory Committee in Scotland. She also supports micro-finance projects in the country through her work with Opportunity International.

In 2009, Ann was admitted into the Order of the Star of Africa with the grade of Commander, in recognition of her support for the people and the country of Liberia. She also received the inaugural Susan B. Anthony Humanitarian Award from the National Council of Women of the United States at the United Nations.

She is a past winner of the Businesswoman of the Year Award, European Women in Achievement Award and has won a Great Scot Award for her work with Mercy Ships.

Ann was formerly a trustee of the Princess Royal Trust for Carers and board member of Marie Curie Cancer Care.

In April 2010, Ann opened a maternity unit in Sierra Leone as part of the Aberdeen Women's Centre in Freetown which already treats fistula patients and operates a children's clinic. The Centre provides a holistic approach to the care of women and children and has the support of the local government, particularly the First Lady and Second Lady.