



Participatory Arts Residency 2019
Call for applications
Deadline: SUNDAY 16 DECEMBER 2018.

Context

Founded in 1999 by Peter and Eileen Jacobs, Cove Park creates year-round funded and self-funded residencies across all art forms for national and international artists, collaborative groups and organisations. Cove Park is located on an outstanding 50-acre site overlooking Loch Long on Scotland's west coast (just 60 minutes from Glasgow by road or rail).

Hands On Cove Park, an annual programme of participatory activities at Cove Park, has been running since 2016. It offers children, young people and adults living in Argyll and Bute, Inverclyde and West Dunbartonshire the opportunity to meet, and get creative with, our ever-changing community of cross art-form artists. We are particularly interested in working with audiences that have little access to, and limited knowledge of, the arts.

In 2019 we are offering a three-week residency to an artist who works with groups, community organisations or individuals as part of their practice. This could be a practicing visual artist, craftsperson, filmmaker, writer, dancer or musician who leads participatory activities or workshops along-side their practice or an artist who predominantly uses social engagement to inform their work. Emerging or established artists are welcome to apply to this programme and we are happy to accept applications from former Cove Park residents. The residency will take place between April and September 2019.

Funded Residency Programme

Cove Park's summer residency programme provides the time and support for artists to focus upon their own practice. The emphasis is upon research, experimentation, creative exchange across art forms and the development of new work. Whilst it is not a requirement of the residency, we would encourage you think about how you might connect with a local community or group during your residency, as a means of reflecting upon or developing your practice.

You will be part of a changing group of national and international residents specialising in a wide variety of art forms. Please see the website for information on those who have [previously been awarded residencies](#) at Cove Park. All of our artists are invited to take part in a series of informal studio presentations, talks, screenings and dinners organised by Cove Park throughout the summer programme.

Facilities and Resources

Please see 'Cove Tour' on [the website](#) for images of the site and facilities. The facilities and resources available include:

- Private self-catering accommodation
- Communal workspace and equipment

- The Artist's Centre: communal kitchen, meeting, rehearsal and dining spaces, library and laundry facilities
- Unlimited access to the 50-acre site.

Depending on when the residency takes place, there may also be access to a private studio.

Dates and Duration of the Residencies

The residency will take place at Cove Park between April and September 2019 and will last up to three weeks. It is not necessary to state your preferred dates in your application, as this will be discussed with each shortlisted applicant at interview.

Fees

The selected artist will each receive a fee of £425.00* per week.

**Please note: the Resident's Fee is inclusive of VAT and payable by Cove Park to the artist. The appointment is on a freelance basis and the artist will be responsible for paying his or her own tax and national insurance.*

Selection Criteria & Process

Applications will be reviewed by a selection panel made up of staff from Cove Park and a former resident.

The selection process will have two stages. The panel will review all applications and invite a number of artists to interview. Selection for interview will be based on the following criteria:

- The quality of your ideas and previous self-authored work
- Your ability to demonstrate a body of participatory arts practice
- Your need for a period of research, development and/or reflection, and your reasons for applying to this residency programme.
- Your interest in working within a community of artists, including a willingness to discuss and share ideas
- Your interest in connecting with a local community or group, as a means of reflecting upon or developing your practice
- You must be resident in the UK
- We are open to applications from previous residents, based in the UK

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All applications will be acknowledged by Thursday 20 December 2018.

Interviews will take place at Cove Park in late February or early March 2019 (those unable to travel may be interviewed via Skype). Reasonable travel expenses incurred by the artist will be reimbursed by Cove Park on the submission of receipts.

Submission of Applications

Please submit the following information:

- Postal, e-mail and website addresses, daytime and evening contact telephone number(s).
- A brief statement (no more than two sides of A4) describing:
 1. Your current practice;
 2. The reasons for your interest in this residency;

3. How the opportunity will impact upon your work and development.
- A current CV with the names and contact details of two professional referees. (We will only contact your referees if your application is shortlisted for interview).
 - Examples of your work. Any film and moving image work should be submitted on a showreel (**maximum duration 5 minutes**) uploaded to Youtube or Vimeo.

Please send your submission to Cove Park by email to:

vanessa.paynton@covepark.org

The board and staff of Cove Park are dedicated to artistic excellence and the professional development of individuals and groups working within the arts and creative industries. We are committed to equality, diversity, fairness and inclusion across all art forms.

We will store applications electronically for three years. The data contained within your application will not be used for any purpose other than short-listing, running and evaluating the programme. We will not share your details with any third parties without obtaining permission from you to do so.

Further information

For further information please contact:

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