

The logo for Cove Park, featuring the word "Cove" in a grey, lowercase, sans-serif font and "Park" in a green, lowercase, sans-serif font.

Cove Park – European Residency Programme 2019/2020 Dance Residency

Open Call for Applications

As part of a wider project to develop, celebrate and promote dialogue between cultural organisations based in Europe, Dance Ireland and Cove Park are collaborating to offer an Irish dance artist a residency at Cove Park.

The residency is intended to bring a new dimension to a creative practice by offering a fully supported two-week research and experimentation residency, responding to the themes of national identity, migration and borders.

Cove Park creates year-round residencies across art forms for national and international artists, collaborative groups and organisations. Located on an outstanding 50-acre site overlooking Loch Long on Scotland's west coast (60 minutes from Glasgow by road or rail), Cove Park supports the creation of new work and new ways of working, especially through collaboration across disciplinary borders, and research that takes artists into new professional or creative territory.

Cove Park hosts national and international artists from all creative disciplines. Its European Residency Programme will welcome artists from Belgium, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, The Netherlands, Norway and Sweden.

Cove Park can accommodate up to 12 people on site at any one time. in private, self-catering accommodation (including 1 fully accessible bedroom). All the participating artists have access to Cove Park's Artists Centre and its communal meeting and work spaces. Further information is available at: <https://covepark.org>

Dance Ireland is Ireland's national dance development organisation, and is the representative body for the professional dance community. Our bold ambition is for dance to be valued and vibrantly, actively and confidently part of people's lives. Achieving this, we believe, would ensure a sustainable future for dance in Ireland and a credible career for those committed to dance as a profession. We embrace and value all forms of dance practice including but not limited to ballet, contemporary dance, traditional Irish dance, ethnic forms, somatic practices, social dancing and hybrid movement forms.

We also recognise and welcome new ways of working in dance through interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary practice. We work to enable all those who share our love of dance from the professional to the enthusiast, to achieve their creative potential; www.danceireland.ie

The residency opportunity:

Cove Park will host a Dance Ireland dance artist during the summer or autumn 2019 for 2 weeks. The aim of the residency is to support a period of research and experimentation, focused broadly around the themes of national identity, migration and borders.

The criteria for selection are as follows:

- You must be a performer/choreographer member of Dance Ireland.
- The proposal must be focused on research and experimentation.
- The proposal should outline how the themes of national identity, migration and borders will be addressed through research.
- Though proposals should not be geared to final presentation, they must show clear objectives, well thought-through planning and the potential for excellence in the outcomes.
- The proposal must show an understanding of Cove Park and how you can both contribute to and benefit from its interdisciplinary nature.

The residency supports an artist with a weekly fee of £425 per week (2 weeks), covers en suite accommodation and travel. The residency is self-catering.

There may also be the opportunity to meet with other dancers and choreographers through Cove Park's wider partnership network, including members of [The Work Room](#), based within Glasgow's Tramway.

The residency will take place between July and November 2019.

Application Process:

In your application please provide information in response to the criteria outlined above. Written applications should be submitted using no more than 2 pages of A4. Alternatively, you can apply by video, answering all the questions. The video should be no longer than 5mins long and uploaded to Vimeo or another platform.

Your proposal should include:

- Your name and contact details
- The idea or project, in response to the themes outlined above, that you wish to explore through the Cove Park residency
- Which dates (July – Nov) would suit you; please be as flexible as possible.
- What you hope to achieve or discover by the end of your time in residence
- How working on this idea at this time will contribute to your wider practice and future plans
- Any access requirements you may have to support you to undertake the residency (N.B Cove Park has wheelchair accessible accommodation and facilities).

Please ensure that any website links you provide are up-to-date.

Completed applications should be returned by email to Louise Costelloe, Dance Ireland Programme Manager by 12noon 26th April 2019. Applicants will be notified of the decision by Friday 3rd May 2019.

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