



WINTER & SPRING INDEPENDENTLY-FUNDED RESIDENCIES

January - March 2021

Call for applications

Deadline: 30th November 2020.

“An extraordinary experience that exceeded my expectations.”

“I gained a new kind of self confidence in my practice and I am maintaining that.”

“It refreshed my resilience.”

In January, February & March 2021 Cove Park will run a series of subsidised Independently-Funded residencies. These residencies offer artists of all disciplines the chance to step away from their domestic sphere and spend time dedicated to their work and practice on Cove Park’s outstanding 50-acre site overlooking Loch Long on Scotland’s west coast (just 60 minutes from Glasgow).

Background

Founded in 1999 by Peter and Eileen Jacobs, Cove Park offers Funded and Independently-Funded residencies across all art forms for national and international artists, collaborative groups and organisations.

Previous individual residents include Turner Prize winners Charlotte Prodger, Simon Starling and Elizabeth Price, Booker Prize winner Margaret Atwood, designers Michael Marriott and Linda Florence. Previous group residencies have been organised for Sadler’s Wells Theatre, The Royal Opera House, Glasgow School of Art, The Scottish Book Trust, Playwrights’ Studio Scotland and The National Theatre of Scotland, amongst many others.

Independently-Funded Residency Programme

Cove Park’s residency programmes provide the time and space for artists to focus exclusively upon their own practice. The emphasis is upon research, experimentation and the development of new work. Artists on residency are part of a group specialising in a wide variety of art forms including craft and design, writing and translating, visual and performing arts, sound art and composition. We also welcome those working in the creative industries; across architecture, fashion, publishing, gaming, film & TV.

Current Circumstances

Given the COVID-19 crisis, these winter and spring residencies will be more like socially-distant retreats, where artists will live alongside each other for periods of 7 - 11 nights, in their own self-contained accommodation, with access to individual studios. At this time artists are not encouraged to socialise together other than outside, and at 2 metre distance. Artists will be treated as ‘cohorts’, arriving on the same day, and additional collaborators will not be able to visit.

Cove Park was closed for summer 2020 but has been operating again since mid-September under new safety measures, successfully allowing residents from all over the UK to spend time working

on their practice and projects whilst remaining safe. Cove Park has developed COVID-specific safety guidelines which all residents must adhere to whilst onsite.

The dates of our Winter & Spring 2021 Independently-Funded residencies are as follows:

- Monday 11th January (7 nights min, 11 nights max)
- Monday 25th January (7 nights min, 11 nights max)
- Monday 8th February (7 nights min, 11 nights max)
- Monday 22nd February (7 nights min, 11 nights max)
- Monday 8th March (7 nights min, 11 nights max)
- Monday 22nd March (7 nights min, 11 nights max)

If you would like to come for a longer period of time please state this in your application and we will try to find a way to accommodate you.

Our accommodation is set out across:

- **6 'Cubes'**; converted shipping containers, fully self-contained with a bed, desk, kitchenette and WC/shower - down a track which is lit during darker hours.
- **2 New Bedrooms**; fully self-contained with a bed, desk, kitchenette and WC/shower with adjoining studios, at the top of the site next to the Artists Centre. One of the bedrooms is wheelchair accessible.
- **3 additional artists studios** (with sinks), one of which has a kiln.
- **There are 2 large work spaces** within the Artists Centre which are also available, should there be a requirement, and with prior discussion with the staff.
- Our 'Pods' remain shut at this time due to current guidelines from Scottish Government which include the ban on mixing households.

Before applying, please have a thorough read of [this page](#) on our website which details our site and accommodation.

The Artists Centre is currently only available to those wishing to use the Wifi, library and archive or visit the office. The communal kitchen and snug is closed and COVID-related hygiene measures are in place throughout to mitigate risks to artists and Cove Park's staff. This includes the mandatory wearing of face coverings whilst using the Artists Centre.

If you would like to apply for one of these residencies please note:

- You must be based and travel from within the UK
- You must arrive by car, preferably your own, so that if you feel unwell with COVID-like symptoms at any point, you can leave Cove Park quickly and isolate at home. (If you are unable to leave the site you will be supported at Cove Park).
- All residents will be asked to read and agree to certain COVID-related guidelines.

Costs

The costs are as follows:

Cubes: £420 p/week (7 nights), £57 p/night for any additional nights

New Bedrooms with adjoining studio: £490 p/week (7 nights), £67 p/night for any additional nights

Applications

Please apply [via email](#) with the following information on no more than 1 side of A4:

- Your name, contact number and email address (please write your name in the heading of the email as well)
- Your next of kin's name and phone number
- If you have access requirements
- A short paragraph outlining your practice and how you might aim to use your time at Cove Park. (Please do not send images or attachments).
- Your preferred dates. (Please detail your 1st, 2nd and 3rd choice of date ranges if possible)
- Your preferred accommodation
- Whether you will require a separate studio during your residency.

The deadline is 30th November 2020.

We welcome applications from UK-based artists working in any creative discipline who would benefit from time, space and (socially-distanced) creative exchange at Cove Park.

Payment

We welcome those able to self-fund and those who can meet the costs of the residency through the direct support of academic institutions (for example using Continuing Professional Development budgets), public funders or foundations. Please refer to [this list](#) on our website which details those funders who may be able to support an Independently-Funded residency at Cove Park.

Artists will be invoiced for the full amount of their residency in 2 parts (50% to secure the residency with the remainder on arrival). If, due to local lockdowns or revised guidance/legislation from UK Government, we are forced to suspend our programmes and revise plans for 2021, this information will be shared via Cove Park's website and social media channels and directly by email with all those applying to our programmes. Deposits can be retained whilst other, mutually suitable dates are agreed, or, if not, deposit can be returned.

If you are also interested in applying for the 2021 Funded Programme please do so following each art form's [individual guidelines](#). You are able to apply for as many programmes as you wish.

Please note, these Guidelines were compiled in November 2020 against the backdrop of the COVID-19 crisis. Cove Park is currently running its autumn residency programme, although operating at reduced capacity to ensure we comply with all relevant guidance. The safety of artists on site and staff remains our priority. If circumstances force us to close we would make every effort to re-schedule residencies for later in 2021 and if not we would refund any deposits received.

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