

# FUNDED RESIDENCY OPPORUNTUNITY FOR AN EARLY CAREER ARTIST LIVING AND WORKING IN ARGYLL AND BUTE

## APPLICATION GUIDELINES

Deadline for Applications: Thursday 15 April 2021 [midnight]

Cove Park is delighted to have secured funding from the Crerar Trust to offer a residency for an emerging artist, who has returned to Argyll & Bute after graduating from college or art school. A funded ten-night residency is available to a recent graduate [graduated in 2019 or 2020] in need of temporary studio facilities and some early-career networking opportunities. The residency will take place in May or June 2021.

We want our residencies, programmes and resources to be open, inclusive and welcoming to all. We are currently reviewing how we work towards achieving greater equality within all levels of our organisation and across all programmes. We will of course share our observations and ambitions with you, and we welcome all contributions from artists, individuals and groups to inform the review.

### Context

Founded in 1999 by Eileen and Peter Jacobs, Cove Park offers funded and independently 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. It provides artists with the time and support required to focus exclusively upon their own practice. The emphasis is upon research, experimentation and the development of new work.

Please note that this opportunity is being offered in March 2021 against the backdrop of the COVID-19 pandemic. Following Scottish Government guidelines, Cove Park is working towards reopening in early May 2021. The safety of artists on site and staff remains a priority. This may result in the opportunity being slightly different to a typical residency and there may be restrictions in place with regard to some facilities.

### Facilities and Resources

Please refer to the 'Accommodation Overview' on our website for images of the site and facilities. The facilities and resources available include:

- Individual self-catering accommodation
- Private studios
- Two fully accessible accommodation units, with adjoining studios, located at the top of the site and adjacent to the Jacob's Building
- The Jacob's Building includes communal kitchen, meeting, rehearsal and dining spaces, library and laundry facilities
- 50-acre site

### **Dates and Duration of the Residency**

We are able to offer a ten-night residency during May and/or June 2021. It is not necessary to state your preferred dates in your application, as this will be discussed with each shortlisted applicant at interview.

### **Fees**

We are able to pay a weekly fee of £425.00, so a ten-night residency attracts a fee of £608.00. Please note that 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 their own tax and national insurance.

### **Selection Criteria and Process**

Applications will be reviewed by a panel. The selection process will have two stages. The panel will review all applications and invite a small number of artists to interview.

Selection for the interview will be based upon the following criteria:

- The quality of your ideas and previous self-authored work [this can be evidenced through a showreel of no more than 3 minutes or images of your work [max of 5]
- Your ability to demonstrate your need for residency, and studio, time
- Evidence that you reside in Argyll and Bute
- Evidence that you are a recent college or art school [2019 or 2020] graduate

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We will acknowledge receipt of your application via email by Friday 16 April 2021. We anticipate interviews in late April [via zoom].

## Submission of Applications

Please submit the following information, ideally in a single document:

Your contact details [address, email, telephone]

A brief statement [no more than one side of A4] describing:

1. Your current practice
2. The reasons for your interest in the residency
3. How the opportunity will impact upon your work and development

Either a three minute showreel link [uploaded to YouTube or Vimeo] or a maximum of five images of your work

Please send submissions to Cove Park by email:

[vanessa@covepark.org](mailto:vanessa@covepark.org)

If adjustments to the above application process would make it more user-friendly for you please let us know. We're open to receiving submissions in alternative formats, so long as they address the selection criteria.

We will store applications electronically for one year. The data contained in 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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