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The Argyll Beacon Artists in Schools Residency

Background

In June 2021 [Cove Park](#) and the [Argyll & the Isles Coast & Countryside Trust \(ACT\)](#) were successful in their bid to become one of seven Scottish [Climate Beacons for COP26](#). An initiative of Creative Carbon Scotland, the aim of this nationwide project is to enable cultural, heritage and environmental organisations to work together and to collectively bring their diverse skills to bear on the climate challenges communities across Scotland face.

The Argyll Beacon (Cove Park & ACT) will focus upon Scotland's rainforest. Most of this unique temperate habitat sits within Argyll and the various public events, workshops, residencies and commissions we will offer will raise awareness of the importance of biodiversity in effective and inclusive conservation and regeneration.

The Argyll Beacon programme will begin in September 2021 and continue until late Spring 2022.

Brief

The Artists in School residency is a new opportunity responding to the theme of Scotland's rainforests. With support from an environmentalist appointed by ACT, you will devise and deliver a programme of activity for two secondary schools in Argyll and Bute. Working with S2 or S3 pupils from both Hermitage Academy in Helensburgh and Lochgilphead Secondary School.

The project will take place during a three-week residency at Cove Park (provisionally booked for April 2022) during which time you will deliver a minimum of three sessions at each school. These will be designed and delivered in collaboration with the appointed environmentalist. Introductions to those involved will take place prior to the project to allow for planning and development.

Although the work should engage with the theme of Scotland's rainforests, we are interested in proposals that are innovative and offer a genuine opportunity to explore new ideas and approaches. The residency time can be split if necessary to best serve the requirements of the project.

Budget

The commissioned artist will receive an award of £1,725 for the three week period, and is VAT inclusive. A separate transport allowance will support travel from Cove Park to the schools.

The artist will receive the full support of Cove Park's Curator of Engagement, Emma Henderson, and the Senior Director of Programmes, Alexia Holt, and will benefit from the advice of environmentalists and experts working for ACT and the Scottish Rainforest Alliance.

Submission Process

The deadline for proposals is 1 October 2021. Proposals should include a one-page outline of initial ideas for this work, and a simple budget outlining expected costs. Selection for the award will be made by Cove Park and ACT, the outcome of this process will be confirmed by 29 October 2021.

We welcome applications from all backgrounds and communities, and actively encourage applications from African Diaspora people; South, East, and South-East Asian Diaspora people; Middle Eastern and North African Diaspora people; ethnically diverse people; people with disabilities; LGBTQI+ people; and all those who have been historically underrepresented in arts programmes. Our intention is to better reflect society as a whole in terms of race, religion, ability, gender, age and socio-economic status.

If you have access requirements in relation to the application process and/or the commission, please let us know. We can provide the application guidelines in different formats and will accept submissions in audio or video formats if this is preferable to a written statement.

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