

**COVE
PARK**



THE YOUNG GAELIC WRITER RESIDENCY
A Collaboration Between
Cove Park / Pàirc na Camais and
Comhairle nan Leabhraichean / The Gaelic Books Council

Residency Dates: Monday 29 August to Sunday 11 September 2022
Deadline for Applications: Monday 20 June 2022 (by Midnight)

PROGRAMME INFORMATION & APPLICATION GUIDELINES

Opportunity Overview

The Gaelic Writer Residency is a new fully-funded residency for Gaelic writers aged between 18 and 25. This two-week residency will take place from Monday 29 August to Sunday 11 September 2022, and the resident will receive a fee, a travel and research allowance, and one-to-one mentoring with an established Gaelic writer. The deadline for applications is Monday 20 June (midnight).

Introduction

Established in 1999, Cove Park is an artists' residency based in Argyll on the west coast of Scotland. We host national and international cultural producers and researchers working in all artistic disciplines, in the creative industries, and in academic and scientific contexts. We provide the facilities, the support, and the care required for the development of new ideas and new projects, collaborations and interdisciplinary practice. Residents stay on site in private accommodation and have access to private studios, communal work and meeting space, a library, and Cove Park's 50-acre rural site. We host between 12 to 20 residents at any one time. This means every resident can meet and work alongside individuals and collaborative groups from a wide range of backgrounds and career stages. We organise informal peer-to-peer events to encourage discussion, the exchange of ideas and experiences, and the development of new connections.

In 2021 Cove Park introduced an enquiry-based model for producing cross-disciplinary work and collective intelligence around pressing global concerns. This is founded upon the belief that artistic research is uniquely placed to unpack some of the most acute problems of our times, and that the transformative power of the arts is amplified through collaboration and exchange with other disciplines, including academic and scientific research. Coinciding with the COP26 conference in November 2021, we launched our first - and now permanent - enquiry on the environmental crisis. Since then all our residents have the opportunity to take part in and actively contribute to this ongoing research.

Please see <http://www.covepark.org/> for further information on our current programme and images of Cove Park's site and facilities. Our [FAQ](#) page answers general questions on Cove Park's residencies and access.

Comhairle nan Leabhraichean / The Gaelic Books Council is the lead organisation in Scotland supporting Gaelic writers and publishers through a programme of grants and writer development opportunities. Established in 1968, the organisation is now a limited company and a registered charity and receives regular funding from Creative Scotland and Bòrd na Gàidhlig. From its base in Glasgow, Comhairle nan Leabhraichean runs a bookshop that supplies Gaelic books to customers worldwide, organises author events and children's reading sessions, and works in partnership with other organisations on a range of initiatives to encourage people to enjoy Gaelic literature. Please visit <https://www.gaelicbooks.org/> for further information.

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Key Points

- The residency at Cove Park will take place from Monday 29 August to Sunday 11 September 2022.
- The Writer will receive a total residency fee of £900 (£450 per week), plus a travel allowance of up to £300 and a research allowance of up to £200.
- The Writer will be allocated four sessions of one-to-one mentoring with an established Gaelic writer. The fees for this are covered by the project.

- The residency will include one event at Cove Park during the second week, the form and scope of which will be agreed upon by the Writer, Cove Park and Comhairle nan Leabhraichean.
- The residencies are designed to support the development of new work, research, and experimentation.
- Cove Park's team will support research and practical requirements leading up to and during the residency.

What Cove Park Provides

- Individual private accommodation/workspace on site at Cove Park.
- Workspace and meeting space within the communal Jacobs Building, which also houses a library, a large rehearsal room with a wooden floor, open-plan kitchen and dining area, and laundry facilities.
- Unlimited access to the 50-acre site.

Who Can Apply, How to Apply, Shortlisting and Appointment Process

To be eligible to apply you must be a Gaelic writer based in Scotland between the ages of 18 and 25.

Applications can be submitted via the online **Application Form** (*link to be inserted*). The Application Form must include:

- Your name and contact details.
- A statement in Gaelic (no more than 500 words) briefly describing your current work and the reasons for your interest in this residency and mentoring opportunity.
- Your CV, including the names and contact details of two professional referees, from a teacher, tutor, or employer, for example (*please note we will only contact your referees if your application is shortlisted for interview*).
- A list of the samples of work provided.

Please upload the following documentation or accompanying material within the Application Form:

- Prose, no more than 500 words (no more than 2 pages). Poetry, up to 4 poems (no more than 4 pages). You may submit some English prose or

poems as an example of your work, but please ensure that at least 50% of your accompanying material is written in Gaelic.

We can accept submissions in audio or video formats if this is preferable to a written application. If you consider yourself to have a disability, please tell us if there are any reasonable adjustments to the application process that would be of assistance to you. If you would like to discuss this, or need help making your application, please contact Cove Park's Programmes & Communications Producer [Alex Marrs](#) directly.

Selection for interview will be based on the following criteria:

- The quality of your ideas and work.
- Your need for an extended period of research and development, and your reasons for applying to this programme.
- Your interest in working within a community of artists.

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We will acknowledge receipt of your application as soon as it is received. This acknowledgement will include a link to our anonymous Equality, Diversity & Inclusion monitoring form for completion and we would be grateful for your time with this. If you do not receive this acknowledgement, please contact Cove Park directly to confirm receipt of your application.

The applications will be short-listed for interview jointly by Cove Park and Comhairle nan Leabhraichean together with the external advisor and former Cove Park resident Rody Gorman.

All applicants will be notified if their submission has been shortlisted for interview by **Friday 24 June 2022**. Interviews will take place via Zoom during the week of **Monday 27 June 2022**. The interview panel will include members of the Cove Park and Comhairle nan Leabhraichean teams, and a programme advisor.

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 actively encourage applications from all backgrounds and communities, from ethnically diverse people, people with disabilities, and all those who have been historically underrepresented within the cultural sector. Our intention is to better reflect society as a whole in our programme in terms of race, religion, ability, gender, sexuality, age and socio-economic status.

Please note, we will store applications electronically for one year. 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.

We would prefer not to receive applications by post. However, if you would like to submit supplementary material, such as catalogues, with your application please post these to the address below. If you would like this material to be returned to you, please enclose a self-addressed and stamped envelope.

The Gaelic Writer Residency 2022

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