

COVE PARK

Maker/Designer Residency 2023

PROGRAMME INFORMATION & APPLICATION GUIDELINES

Opportunity Overview

The Maker/Designer Residency is a fully funded residency for a Scotland-based maker or designer aged 50 or above. This two-week residency is scheduled to take place from Monday 4 September to Sunday 17 September, or from 9 October to 22 October 2023, but alternative dates during the autumn or winter of 2023 can be negotiated.

The resident will receive a fee, a travel allowance, and a research/materials allowance.

The deadline for applications is Friday 26 May 2023 (6pm).

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 up to 12 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.

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.

The Maker/Designer Residency 2023

This is a new residency funded by The Turtleton Charitable Trust. It builds upon Cove Park's 2022 Visual Arts residency for an artist aged 50+, and recent research into how residencies can best support older artists, supported by British Council Scotland's Connections Through Culture fund, and developed jointly by Cove Park, [Luminate](#), and [Taipei Artist Village](#), Taiwan.

Key Points

- The maker/designer should be aged 50 (at the time the residency commences) or above and based in Scotland.
- The maker/designer will receive a total residency fee of £950 (£475 per week), plus a travel allowance of up to £75 and a research/materials allowance of up to £175.
- The residency is 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 and studio on site at Cove Park
- Workspace and meeting space within the communal Jacobs Building, which also houses a small 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 maker/designer based in Scotland and aged 50 or above.

Applications can be submitted via the online [Application Form](#). The Application Form must include:

- Your name and contact details.
- A statement (no more than 500 words) briefly describing your current work and the reasons for your interest in this residency.
- 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*).

Please submit documentation of recent work. This may include:

- Up to 6 images
- Film or video work should be submitted on a showreel (maximum duration 5 minutes) uploaded to Youtube or Vimeo, with the link provided in the application letter.
- Audio work (maximum duration 5 minutes) should be uploaded to Soundcloud, with the link provided in the application letter.

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 creative strength of your work and ideas.
- Your need for a period of research and development and your reasons for applying to this programme.
- Your interest in working within a community of artists.

Deadline for applications: **Friday 26 May 2023 (6pm)**

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 by Cove Park and a member of its Advisory Committee.

All applicants will be notified if their submission has been shortlisted for interview by **Friday 9 June 2023**.

Interviews will take place via Zoom during the week of **Monday 26 June 2023**.

The Board and staff of Cove Park are dedicated to artistic excellence and the professional development of individuals and groups working within the arts and creative industries and are committed to equality, diversity, fairness, and inclusion across all art forms.

Cove Park are particularly interested in applications from underrepresented communities, including people who are Black/from the African diaspora or people of colour; trans, non-binary and/or LGBTQIA+; disabled, D/deaf, neurodiverse, and/or chronically ill; women and/or 'working class'; and all those who have been historically underrepresented and systematically excluded within the cultural sector.

Personal Data

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.

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