

COVE PARK

Material Futures Residencies

Residency Dates: Monday 4 December to Saturday 22 December 2023

Deadline for Applications: Monday 4 September 2023 (by 6pm GMT)



Photography by Alan Dimmick

Residency Information

We are pleased to offer two new fully funded three-week residencies for early career visual artists based in the UK. The Material Futures residents will receive a fee, materials/equipment allowance, and a travel allowance.

These new residencies build upon the residencies and projects Cove Park launched in 2021 which focus upon the climate crisis, the biodiversity crisis, climate justice, and sustainability. This work involves Cove Park's role as co-founder and co-lead of NAARCA: the Nordic Alliance of Artists Residencies on Climate Action, the Argyll Beacon, developed through our ongoing partnership with Argyll & the Isles Coast & Countryside Trust, the 4-year Sculpting Futures: Ecologies in the Making residency programme with the Academy of Fine Arts, Helsinki, and our partnership with the Food Lab at the Jan van Eyck Academie, Maastricht.

The Material Futures Residencies are funded by The Fenton Arts Trust.

About Cove Park

Cove Park is an international residency located on an outstanding 50-acre rural site on Scotland's west coast, just one hour north of Glasgow. Over its 23-year history Cove Park has hosted approximately 4,000 local, national, and international artists, creative practitioners, writers, and researchers, working in all art forms and at every career stage. We support artists and collaborative groups by offering the time and support required for research, experimentation, the production of new work, and peer-to-peer exchange. Cove Park creates a stimulating context in which new ideas can be developed, tested, and shared. Our aim is to play a vital and dynamic role in our nation's cultural life, making possible innovative creative work, facilitating cultural exchange, and enriching the lives of the communities we serve.

Overlooking Loch Long on Argyll's Rosneath peninsula, Cove Park's site was formerly a conservation park. It comprises partially managed woodland, ponds, and fields for grazing sheep and Highland cows. The facilities include nine shipping containers - recycled and converted into private accommodation and studios - and two oak-framed buildings ideal for those working in collaboration or families. The Jacobs Building opened in 2016 and is an award-winning, purpose-built communal space, providing workspace, rooms for public events, a library, open-plan kitchen and dining area, and offices, plus two adjacent units of accommodation and studios.

Key Points

- The residency is designed to support visual artists working with or developing sustainable materials and processes as part of their creative practice.
- The residents should be in the early stages of developing their career (this is not defined by age - we recognise that creative careers can be established at any age).
- The residents will receive a total residency fee of £1,500 (£500 per week), plus a materials/equipment allowance of up to £250 and a travel allowance of £150.
- The residency is designed to support research and the development of current or new work, with a focus upon the use and exploration of sustainable materials and processes.
- Cove Park's team will support the resident's research and practical requirements leading up to and during the residency.



Sanntu Laine, 2023 Ecologies in the Making Residency
Photography by Alan Dimmick



Rhona Jack, 2021 Crisis Residency
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What Cove Park Provides

- Individual private accommodation and a private studio on site at Cove Park.
- Work and meeting space within the communal Jacobs Building.
- Unlimited access to the 50-acre site.

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

To be eligible to apply you should be based in the UK and in the early stages of developing your career.

Your application must include:

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

Please submit documentation of recent work. This may include:

- Up to 6 images, and additionally:
- 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.

Applications can be submitted via the online Jot Form Application.

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 Alexia Holt directly.

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The applications will be reviewed by Cove Park's Programme team and a member of its Advisory Committee and we will confirm the outcome of the process by Friday 9 September 2023.

Equality, Diversity & Inclusion

We want our residencies, programmes and resources to be open, inclusive and welcoming to all. We continue to assess how we work towards achieving greater equality and representation within all levels of our organisation and across all programmes.

Cove Park aims to provide a safe and positive environment for everyone, and to actively dismantle discrimination based on race, national or ethnic background, skin colour, citizenship status, hair texture and hairstyle, sex, sexual orientation, gender(s), gender expression, age, religion or belief, language, ability, size, neurodiversity, physical and mental health, socio-economic status, educational background, pregnancy or parental status, marriage or civil partnership status, immigration status, and cultural markings and/or tattoos also due to religious rituals from pre-colonial cultural practices. As language, terms, and expressions inevitably evolve, Cove Park is committed to reviewing this statement regularly - and as often as it becomes appropriate - with our local, national and international communities.

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, please post these to Alexia Holt via 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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