

Cove Park launches programme to mark 25th anniversary

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AN arts centre in Cove is celebrating the start of its 25th anniversary with an incredible year-long programme.

Eileen and Peter Jacobs acquired a 50-acre site on the Peaton Hill in 1999, aiming to create a residency for local, national and international artists.

The first residencies began in May 2000, which welcomed only five artists, but now in 2025, it has welcomed over 300 artists from across the globe.



The arts venue ran a Project Studio - Youth Voice this year and will do in 2026 (*Image: Newsquest*) And to mark the milestone a year-long programme of special projects, events, residencies and commissions is now underway.

The programme includes a new season of Open Fridays, welcoming visitors to Cove Park every Friday afternoon for tours of the site and its award-winning facilities.

Additionally, a programme of special Friday events will highlight the work of national and international artists taking part in and connected to their programme.

New commissions will include a limited edition print and accompanying text launching in August this year.

Details of all future public events will be shared via Cove Park's website, newsletter, and social media pages, accompanied by their special 25th anniversary logo designed by graphic designer and former resident Maeve Redmond.

Eileen and Peter Jacobs said: "As founding trustees, we have seen how Cove Park has grown from a seed planted in our minds in 1995.

"Thanks to great advice and support, Cove Park has blossomed over 25 years, becoming an established, much loved international centre for artists.

"Working with a committed team and board, we have been privileged to witness and encourage the creativity of thousands of resident artists."

Cove Park was the first in the UK to purposefully bring together, through a year-round programme, national and international individuals and collaborative groups working in all art forms and at every career stage.

The anniversary programme not only celebrates their work to date, but looks forward to the next 25 years, developing further their commitment to supporting artists and their work, and advocating for the transformational power of the arts in our communities.



(Image: Newsquest) Lauren Dyer Amazeen, chair of the board of trustees, said: “We are sincerely grateful to all who have shaped Cove Park over these past 25 years – first and especially, the extraordinary and diverse group of artists and residents who have made work here and shared their deep connection to the creative spirit.

“We are very thankful for the dedicated professional teams who have provided them with the care and hospitality we uphold, as well as establishing national and international partnerships, devising new programmes, and creating new opportunities to support the artists.

“And we extend our deep gratitude to the many generous supporters and partners who believed in our vision, and those committed individuals who donated their wisdom, guidance, and governance.

“Moving forward together, we welcome continued engagement and new connections to build upon and sustain the excellence of this international centre.”