

FRIENDS OF COVE PARK



ABOUT COVE PARK

Cove Park is an international artists residency located on an outstanding 50-acre rural site overlooking Loch Long on the Rosneath Peninsula in Scotland. Over our 25-year history Cove Park has hosted approximately 4,000 artists, creative practitioners, writers, and researchers, providing them with the time and space they need to develop wonderful new work including film, music, books, exhibitions and performances. Our programme connects to and reflects the unique and rich environment in which our work takes place and is unique in the UK.

We support local, national, and international artists working individually and in collaboration in all art forms, and at every career stage. We remain the only residency in the UK to bring together at any one time up to 14 individuals specialising in a wide range of disciplines. This means we can offer exceptional opportunities for interdisciplinary work and cultural exchange, ensuring those taking part can focus upon the work that is urgent and important to them, whilst benefiting from and contributing to peer-to-peer and community engagement.

Our learning and engagement programme shares the work of our resident artists with our local community and welcomes visitors of all ages to Cove Park for a wide range of projects, workshops, and events. Outreach activity – such as the Argyll-wide Artists in Schools programme and Project Studio, a free youth-led programme for teenagers in Helensburgh interested in art, creativity and activism – take the work of Cove Park and our resident artists directly to children and young people in our region.



Toby Patterson, Awarded Residency, 2019 (photography, Helen Voce)



Making Tracks Residency, 2022 (photography, Merlyn Driver)

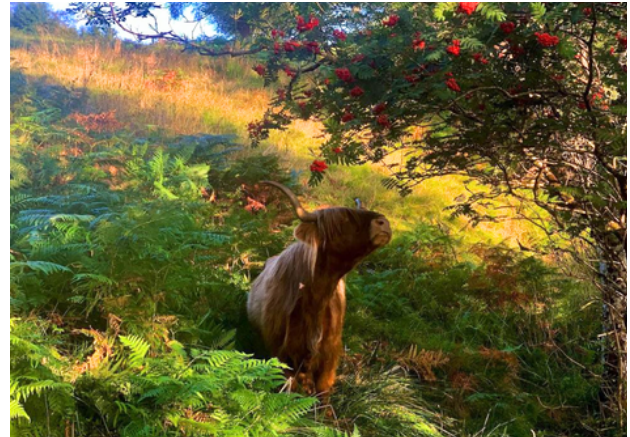


Project Studio, Art and Activism with Heather Marshall, 2024

Cove Park overlooks Loch Long, a sea loch flowing into the Firth of Clyde and on to the Atlantic. This location connects Cove Park to Argyll's rich history and natural heritage, its numerous sea lochs, islands, peninsulas, shorelines, and Atlantic rainforests. The site itself has an eclectic history and we have maintained the principles of the former conservation park, continuing to host sheep and Highland cows, and managing grazing pasture so that the site's rich biodiversity can flourish. To support this, 500 native trees were planted in 2022 by resident artists, local community volunteers, and our team to create a new micro-rainforest for Argyll.



View of Cowal Peninsula, Autumn (photography, Tracey Bloxham)



Highland cow at Cove Park (photography, Juliana Capes)

PLEASE SUPPORT US – BECOME A FRIEND OF COVE PARK

Cove Park is proud to have a growing community of supporters who believe in the vital work we do to promote national and international cultural exchange and ensure our local rural community has access to innovative and creative learning opportunities as well as protecting the biodiversity of our site.

Together we can:

- welcome 350+ artists and creative practitioners to Cove Park each year
- provide free monthly workshops and events for over 500+ local children and young people
- offer lifelong engagement with the arts and creativity through artist talks, recitals and other events
- care for our unique landscape and rich natural heritage

By becoming a Friend of Cove Park, you will help us to enrich arts, culture and creativity in Argyll and across Scotland, support the global exchange of ideas through our artist residences and save the natural heritage of Cove Park as a space for everyone to enjoy. Wherever you are, you will know your donation is making a vital contribution to the work of Cove Park and our support of artists. If Cove Park and our work means something to you, please consider becoming a Friend today.

It costs just £50 a year to be a Friend and you can make your gift as a one-off payment or annual direct debit.

All Friends will be acknowledged on our website (unless requested otherwise); receive regular updates on our work and impact of your support; can join us at Cove Park on a Friday for meet-ups during the Summer months with other Friends and supporters and use our facilities as a co-working space*. Plus, we have a number of special events at Cove Park throughout the year such as talks and performances.

*Subject to availability, Fridays only.



The launch of the Scotland/Japan residency exchange programme at Cove Park, October 2018

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