

COVE PARK

Bridge Awards Residencies 2026

Residency Dates: Monday 4 May - Thursday 14 May 2026
Deadline for Applications: Monday 12 January 2026 (by 5pm GMT)



PROGRAMME INFORMATION & APPLICATION GUIDELINES

Now in its fourth year, Cove Park in collaboration with the Bridge Awards are pleased to offer a further five fully funded residencies in May 2026 for artists based in Scotland whose careers have been impacted by a breast cancer diagnosis and who have undergone successful treatment and are up to five years in remission.

Introduction

Cove Park is located on a 50-acre site overlooking Loch Long on Scotland's west coast. The site benefits from both an outstanding rural location and proximity to Glasgow. Since its launch in 2000, Cove Park has welcomed over 3,000 national and international artists, creative practitioners, and researchers, working in all art forms and creative disciplines, and at every stage in their careers. Cove Park's self-directed residencies support individuals and collaborators to focus upon research, experimentation, the development of current projects, and the production of new work and ideas. Our dedicated professional team provide the support and care necessary to ensure each residency is as productive, engaging, and enjoyable as possible.

The Bridge Awards is a philanthropic organisation that provides funding for arts, community, and healthcare projects. Since 2016 The Bridge Awards have supported residencies for early career visual artists based in Scotland and, since 2019, a residency exchange programme between Cove Park and Varuna, The National Writers' House, Australia.

The Bridge Awards and Cove Park are grateful to Maggie's Centres for their advice and sharing news of this opportunity.

The Bridge Awards Residencies 2026

In 2026 Cove Park will offer five 10-day residencies which will run in parallel from Monday 4 May to Thursday 14 May 2026.

These residencies are open to people based in Scotland, at any stage of their creative career and working in any art form or creative discipline. Previous applicants and participants of this residency programme are very welcome to apply.

The aim is to provide the artist, writer, creative practitioner, or researcher with time and space to reconnect with their practice, and to do this within the peaceful, supportive, and inspiring context of Cove Park and its national and international residency programme.

The appointed artist will receive:

- A 10-day residency and a fee payable to the artist of £825
- A materials allowance for studio-based practitioners of up to £75
- A travel allowance of up to £150
- Private accommodation on site and, if required, a private studio space
- The full support of Cove Park's team and access to all communal facilities on site, including work and meeting space in the Jacobs Building, the library, and kitchen.

The appointed resident will be one of five taking part in this programme during the week of 5 May 2026. The emphasis of the residency will be upon individual work, but we are pleased to confirm that Scottish Ensemble will participate in this programme again to offer a music and wellbeing session.

We are also delighted to offer during the residency one group session led by Lesley Howells, Consultant Clinical Psychologist and Maggie's Lead Psychologist, and the opportunity of a one-to-one session with Lesley if the resident feels this would be helpful.



Cove Park will host a welcome dinner for all the residents on site on the first night of the residency. However, this is a self-catering residency, and each unit of accommodation has its own small kitchen. Residents are also welcome to use the large kitchen in the Jacobs Building and cook and eat in the main hall of this space.



How to Apply

Applications can be submitted via the online [Application Form](#).

We are happy to supply hard copies of this document and to receive applications in hard copy if preferred. Applications can be posted to the address at the bottom of this document.

We can accept applications in audio or video formats if this is preferable to a written application. If you 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 directly.

The Application Form should include:

- Your full name and contact details.
- A brief statement (no more than 500 words) explaining why this opportunity would be beneficial to you and how you would plan to use your time.

In addition, you may submit examples of your creative work. This could include:

- Up to 6 images
- Film or video work submitted on a showreel (maximum duration 5 minutes) uploaded to Youtube or Vimeo (please include the link in the application letter).
- Audio work (maximum duration 5 minutes) should be uploaded to Soundcloud, with the link provided in the application letter.
- Prose, no more than 1000 words (no more than 4 pages)
- Stage play or film script (no more than 1000 words)
- Poetry, up to 4 poems (no more than 4 pages)

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Applications will be reviewed and shortlisted by Cove Park's programme team and external advisors, including Cove Park Associates (former residents) representing different art forms and fields of knowledge. We will invite those shortlisted to an informal interview with members of Cove Park's programme team via Zoom during the week commencing Monday 19 January.

Please submit applications by Friday 28 February 2026 (by 5pm GMT).

We will acknowledge receipt of your application via e-mail. This will include a link to our Equality, Diversity & Inclusion monitoring form and we would be grateful if you could please complete this. If you do not receive this acknowledgement, please contact Cove Park directly to confirm receipt of your application.

If adjustments to the application process would be helpful for you, please let us know. We can accept submissions in audio or video formats if this is preferable to a written statement.

**All applicants will be notified of the outcome of their submission
by Friday 16 January 2026.**

Equalities, 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 age, disability, gender identity, marriage or civil partnership status, pregnancy or parental status, race including skin colour, nationality, ethnic or national origin, religion or belief, sex, and sexual orientation. Additionally, we aim to dismantle discrimination based on accent, educational background, gender expression, hair texture and hairstyle, immigration status, language ability, markings and/or tattoos connected to spiritual rituals from pre-colonial cultural practices, neurodiversity, physical and mental health, size, and socio-economic status or background. 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, Cove Park 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.

Please visit our website and [residency FAQs](#) for more information. If you have any questions concerning the residency, access requirements, Cove Park's facilities, or the application process itself, please contact Alex Marrs (Senior Producer – Awarded Residencies):

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