

Cove Park, Helensburgh, Scotland

<https://covepark.org/>

Duration: 8 weeks

Availabilities: 4 December to 4 February 2023 (including break over Christmas holidays); dates negotiable.

About Cove Park

Founded in 1999 Cove Park is an international residency located on an outstanding 50-acre rural site overlooking Argyll on the west coast of Scotland. Cove Park's programme supports artists working in all art forms and at every career stage, with an emphasis upon research, experimentation, and the development of new work and ideas. In addition, since 2021, Cove Park has actively programmed residencies, projects, and events focused upon the climate and biodiversity crises, bringing artists and creative practitioners together with those working in other academic or scientific disciplines and sectors. Cove Park hosts up to 12 artists at any one time and each resident is provided with private accommodation and studio.

1/ FOCUS

Cove Park welcomes applications from those who urgently require the time, support, and facilities Cove Park offers to develop their own work and ideas. In addition, we hope to welcome those interested in working alongside and meeting other artists, collaborative groups, and creative practitioners engaged in a wide range of research areas, including the climate crisis and our natural environment. Cove Park is just one hour from Glasgow and has strong connections with other arts and cultural organisations across Scotland, including Glasgow School of Art, and we create opportunities for residents to visit key centres and meet individuals or organisations relevant to the development of their work.

2/ PROGRAMME RESOURCES

- Artists fees of £2,200 per month (£550 per week)
- Furnished private accommodation. If required, accommodation suitable for those attending with children can be offered (please note, Cove Park's residencies are self-catering as each unit of accommodation has its own kitchen).
- Private studio (Cove Park has a limited supply of basic tools and equipment, and residents are asked to bring any specialised materials or equipment that they require).
- Access to communal work and meeting space, a library, and the 50-acre site.
- Every resident can meet and work alongside individuals and collaborative groups from a wide range of backgrounds and Cove Park facilitates informal peer-to-peer events to encourage discussion, the exchange of ideas and experiences, and the development of new connections.
- Cove Park will facilitate one-to-one studio visits and meetings for the resident with other artists or arts professionals to support the development of their work.

- The artist will be supported by Cove Park's Director, Alexia Holt, and Programmes & Communications Producer, Alex Marrs. Technical and practical studio support is provided by Cove Park's Site Manager, Thom Rees. Cove Park can also offer support via its Associates programme and network of former residents and programme advisors.
- A travel allowance is provided to cover travel costs from France to Scotland, and internal travel within the UK.
- Cove Park can offer the use of a shared car and electric bikes for local travel.

3/ ACCESS

Cove Park is located on a rural hillside, including fields and pasture for grazing Highland cows and sheep. The Jacobs Building, located at the top of the site, houses Cove Park's communal facilities, including a large kitchen, library, work and meeting areas, and laundry. This space has ramped and level access throughout and is accessible for wheelchair users. One unit of accommodation adjacent to the Jacobs Building is also wheelchair accessible. Cove Park has a car to support access when required (the site's terrain and tracks are rough).

In advance of each residency Cove Park shares a personalised Access Statement to allow everyone to provide the information required to ensure they can participate fully in Cove Park's programme. This can be provided by anyone and does not have to be focussed upon disability. It enables Cove Park to support access requirements in relation to communication, physical and environmental factors, attending or delivering events or activities, travel, and accommodation.