

**Please join the ICON Ethnography Group for our forthcoming one day conference:**

## **Scraping Gut and Plucking Feathers: the Deterioration and Conservation of Feather and Gut Materials**

**Date: Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2009**

**Location: University of York, Huntingdon Room**

The conference encompasses the presentation of papers and posters which will cover colour aberrations, mutations and the morphology of feathers. It will also include presentations on cleaning and repair techniques as well as on display issues for both feather and gut materials. The day will conclude with a practical demonstration and discussion on the subject of conserving feathers led by Allyson Rae. Allyson has many years of experience treating feather objects and has recently taught two very successful feather conservation workshops. The practical demonstration will be filmed on stage and can thus be easily viewed by all delegates of the conference.

Also included in the day will be the annual general meeting of the Ethnography Group. During this meeting we will discuss forthcoming events, current issues and changes within the committee. There will also be an opportunity for group members to discuss any other business. An agenda of the AGM will be sent together with the registration confirmation for the conference.

The cost of the conference is £70 for ICON members, £80 for non-members and £60 for a limited number of student places. The fee includes handouts, coffee, tea and lunch. Abstracts of the presentations will be provided along with a bibliography for further reading.

Payment must be made prior to the conference. 50 - 60 places are available. Please send proof of status and/or ICON membership number together with your registration form. The registration form and program can be downloaded from the Ethnography Group page on the ICON website (<http://www.icon.org.uk/>, in: Groups - Ethnography - About this Group) and are also attached to this email.

Completed registration forms should be emailed or sent to:

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Places can only be allocated with completed registration forms and full payment of the conference.