WHY LEATHER?

Thursday 8th September 2011
10am -5pm

Leather has played a fundamental role in the history of humankind. But why did and do people choose to use leather?

This conference brings together researchers to explore the science, craft and beliefs behind the use of leather, fur, parchment and rawhide. Topics include the physical properties of skins according to species and tanning process, medieval armour, South American codices, furs in Bronze Age Europe, scented gloves in Renaissance Italy, nineteenth century industrial machinery, wineskins, bespoke contemporary interiors and more.

For details of the programme: www.archleathgrp.org.uk
To register contact Jackie Keily on 0207 814 5734 or jkeily@museumoflondon.org.uk

£10 students, £20 members, £25 non-members
Tea and cakes provided.

Hosted by the Archaeological Leather Group at the Institute of Archaeology, University College London, 31-34 Gordon Square, London, WC1H 0PY

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