



### Call for Presentations

We are calling for presentations for the TAAB festival of lectures, demonstrations and workshops from individuals or organisations in the UK and abroad. Presentations for adults, children, parents and children, teenagers are sought. To be considered as a speaker at the festival please observe the following:

1. All presentations must be delivered in English
2. The festival is being held in Shrewsbury, UK on the 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> May 2008
3. "Traditional" is defined as a practice spanning at least three years and participated in by at least 30 people.
4. "Arts" is defined as a practice that changes the aesthetic appearance of the human form (including the face and hair) according to a cultural norm.
5. Thematic areas covered are:
  - People alter their bodies to conform to cultural ideals
  - People alter their bodies to resist cultural ideal
  - People alter their bodies to communicate membership in a group
  - People alter their bodies to communicate individuality outside of a group
  - People alter their bodies to enhance their hierarchy within a group
  - People alter their bodies and their children's bodies for the purpose of cultural reproduction
  - People alter their bodies with culturally significant symbols
  - People alter their bodies to manage risk
  - People may alter the body of another to alter that person's status
  - People may alter the body of another to elevate that person's status
  - People may alter the body of another to punish that person
6. Media covered:
  - Paint
  - Stains
  - Piercing
  - Tattooing
  - Scarification
  - Surgical alteration, including appliances and implants
  - Weight alteration
  - Muscle alteration
  - Gender alteration
  - Melanin alteration
  - Hair alteration
  - Branding
  - Mechanical alteration, such as bone shaping and tissue shaping
  - Superficial alteration, such as through structured garments

Your Obligations:

1. To attend the festival at the appropriate time and deliver your presentation to the general public.
2. To Apply to present at the festival by 1<sup>st</sup> February 2008. Applications received after this date will not be considered.

3. To submit a paragraph about yourself for inclusion in the festival promotional material by 1<sup>st</sup> February 2008.
4. To submit your presentation in Powerpoint format, by April 1<sup>st</sup> 2008 for inclusion in the festival journal which will be produced after the festival, and inclusion on the TAAB website (not necessary if you are holding a practical workshop).

Our obligations:

To provide a venue for your presentation

To provide a computer with powerpoint for you to use (and a possibly a projector – but this is not confirmed)

To keep you informed of progress

To provide practical support during your presentation

To ensure that copyright is attributed to you where appropriate should your material be used on the TAAB website or included in the TAAB journal.

