



'Making Herself Up'
FRIDA KAHLO
V & A Exhibition

Wednesday 12th September

Frida Kahlo de Rivera (1907-1954), a self-educated woman, a self-taught Mexican artist, with an impeccable eye for the handicrafts of her native culture, accomplished much in her life in spite of daily suffering from polio combined with chronic pain caused by a near-fatal road accident. Though a quasi "unacceptable person" a 'mestizo' i.e., a person of combined European and Native American descent, she married well-known Mexican artist Diego Rivera, and created memorable self-portraits. This unusual exhibition provides a rare perspective on the artist's colourful life through display of her most intimate personal possessions: especially her clothes, each a work of art, as well as other personal artefacts, and her remarkable autobiographical paintings. Altogether her possessions project a vibrant self-image, they represent her triumph over unremitting physical suffering and other personal pressures. This collection has not been seen before outside Mexico.

A lecture at the Art Workers Guild begins the day. Coffee is served at 10.30, the lecture begins at 11, and a light lunch with wine is served at 1 pm. We then travel to the relevant gallery for the exhibition, and end, with an optional discussion, about 4.15 pm.

£90 INSCAPE members, £100 non-members, including exhibition entry (£75 and £85 V&A Friends). Your family, friends and neighbours who have not previously attended an Inscape lecture are most welcome to attend as our guests.