Ethics of fixers in Afghanistan and elsewhere

FIXERS – especially in Afghanistan and in the Middle East – are on the agenda for the Branch meeting on Monday July 8. What ethical questions arise – considering that these people may have to live with the consequences of journalists’ reporting long after those who hire them have left their country?

Our speakers will include Dr Da-wood Azami – an award-winning broadcast journalist, BBC World Service Multi-Media Editor and former BBC World Service Editor and Bureau Chief in Kabul (where he survived an attack on his hotel).

Dr Azami has reported from Wah-iristan, Helmand, Kandahar, Tora Bora and Guantanamo. He is also a trainer of journalists.

We also hope to have a speaker from Latin America on issues faced by fixers in that continent as well.

The topic and speakers for the LFB gathering on Monday July 8 have yet to be confirmed: we hope to have speakers on making money out of fiction alongside your journalism. Watch the LFB meetings page and its Twitter feed – see below.

And see below too for details of a meeting for members new to the Branch or recently joined.

There is no LFB meeting in Au-gust. Older readers may remember “holidays”, or their nearest freelance equivalent.

This went to press on 1 May.

LFB meetings (except for new members’ meetings) are always on the second Monday of the month, from 6.45pm to 8.45pm in the base-ment of the NUJ’s HQ at Head-land House, 72 Acton Street, London WC1X 9NB, accessible to people who use wheelchairs. The nearest Tube is King’s Cross or Chancery Lane. If you need the LFB to provide extra assistance to your needs, please tell your Branch officer. If you have hearing impairments, please contact us to get the agenda in elec-tronic form ahead of the meeting?

We draw members’ attention to the microphone that will be passed around to hear you via the induction loop .

For updates on meetings and for confirmation of themes and speakers for forthcoming meetings, see the Branch calendar web page www.londonfreelance.org/ lfb/meetings.html and LFB’s Twitter feed www.twitter.com/ NUJ_LFB.

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For updated guidance on etiquette on recording or live-tweeting from LFB meetings, see www.londonfreelance.org/fl/11507film. html.

Byline Festival reduction for NUJ members

As well as enjoying 6 to 10 per cent reduction on the cost of Apple products (see the article on the left of this page), NUJ members can also avail themselves of a substantial discount for Byline Festival 2019. This event invites you to dance, discuss, laugh and change the world on 23-26 August at Pippingford Park, Nutley, East Sussex, TN22 3HW. The link for tickets at the NUJ discount rate, starting at £75, is at www.bylinefestival. com/nuj18 and London Freelance Branch plans to have a stall or tent at Bylinefest this year, as it did in 2018.