

## LONDON FREELANCE BRANCH MEETINGS

## 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 10 June**. 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 Waziristan, 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 August. Older readers may remember "holidays", or their nearest freelance equivalent.

This went to press on **1 May**.

Your deadline for the June online only issue is **31 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 basement of the NUJ's HQ at **Headland 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

Branch to pay for care for a child or dependent so you can attend a meeting, contact a Branch officer.

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](http://www.londonfreelance.org/lfb/meetings.html) and LFB's Twitter feed [www.twitter.com/NUJ\\_LFB](https://www.twitter.com/NUJ_LFB)

Can members who have difficulty reading the agenda on paper please contact us to get the agenda in electronic form ahead of the meeting?

We draw members' attention to the microphone that will be passed to you if you indicate you wish to speak at a meeting. This is so that our members with hearing problems can hear you via the induction loop. For updated guidance on etiquette on recording or live-tweeting from LFB meetings, see [www.londonfreelance.org/fl/1507film.html](http://www.londonfreelance.org/fl/1507film.html)

## APPLE DISCOUNT

LONDON Freelance Branch Committee member Nicci Talbot has, with the NUJ Freelance Office, negotiated to reinstate discounts for NUJ members on Apple products. These range from 6 per cent to 10 per cent depending on what you're buying.

It covers purchases made online and we understand it also includes stuff you buy off the shelf at the physical Macstores in London, including the ones at Regent Street, Covent Garden, Stratford and White City.

More details are at [www.nuj.org.uk/about/membership-benefits/apple-store/](http://www.nuj.org.uk/about/membership-benefits/apple-store/) – you'll need to get yourself a NUJ member password to log in.

The NUJ discount page on the Apple Store UK page *should* also be working by now. It's at [www.apple.com/uk/shop/go/ep-store/nuj](http://www.apple.com/uk/shop/go/ep-store/nuj)

## NEW MEMBERS MEET

THERE was a successful New Members meeting in April for members who new to London Freelance Branch or recently joined.

A total of 11 new members attended, along with four experienced LFB Committee members to offer support, information and advice to new freelancers – these were Phil Sutcliffe, Jenny Vaughan, Larry Herman & Francesca Marchese.

The next LFB meeting for members new to the Branch

is at 6pm on **Thursday 25**



April's new members' meeting at the Camera Museum. Image: © Francesca Marchese

**July** – as always on the last Thursday of every third month.

As usual, the meeting is at the Camera Museum, Museum Street, London WC1A 1LY – the nearest Tube is Holborn.

## 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](http://www.bylinefestival.com/nuj18) and London Freelance Branch plans to have a stall or tent at Bylinefest this year, as it did in 2018.

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