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Re: Kimi Zabihyan, Ranalet Drive, Hampton, Virginia.

Kimi Zabihyan is one of a number of distinguished British documentary makers who have lectured to masters students on our MA course in Television Features and Documentary.

The course attracts students from around the world and in the past three years students have produced 18 documentaries for broadcast.. this year's students are working on four more.


One of the documentaries from last year won the regional Royal Television Society documentary award and was shortlisted (in the final three) for the national student award.

The contribution made by Kimi and other documentary makers -- like Leslie Woodhead, one of the sponsors of the course, who is now working on a £5million Disney production -- has been invaluable. They have given students each their own vision of what documentaries are about and of the challenges they are likely to face in the industry. Kimi in particular was something of a role model for the women students on the course, because documentary making is still seen as a male dominated area. That is changing.

In fact several of the young women she spoke to here have since produced documentaries of their own on national television.. two of which won awards.

I hope that she will be able to make a return visit to work with students this year or next when she is in Britain.

If you have any other queries do not hesitate to give me a ring.



John McManus
MA course leader