

THE ROCK OF HOPE ESWATINI JULY NEWSLETTER



RELIGIOUS LEADERS ENGAGEMENT

For the past two months, the Rock of Hope Eswatini has been involved in numerous engagements with religious leaders. These engagements were meant to build relations with religious leaders, capacitate and let them lead the conversation towards acceptance in society.

The religious engagements included Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Expression tutorial where they got to know of the dynamics and diversity of sexuality. This session further opened up an avenue of cultural and gender norms which have been imposed by society. The religious leaders expressed their contentment and appreciation for this explorative tutorial.

In a recent engagement it was decided that religious leaders were to hold host workshops which were meant to include parents,

guidance of society. This is meant to promote change in the religious space and enable an all inclusive environment, regardless of gender, age, sex and sexuality and gender identity. The different workshops will be held in different parts of the country in different denominations. It is also worth noting that COVID-19 regulations will be followed in these various engagements. Do look out for these engagements in your nearby communities.

Take Our Survey

The Out and Proud Project in its effort to improve the legislative frameworks and non-discriminatory environment in favor of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Intersex persons in Southern Africa, is conducting a survey to evaluate the risks and vulnerabilities, emergency needs,

as well as capacities of the LGBTI movement.

The project is implemented in 3 countries (Malawi, Zimbabwe and Eswatini) to strengthen the capacities of and opportunities for LGBTI community and Human Right Defenders in these countries. Your participation in this survey will assist in bringing the necessary support to empower the LGBTI movement.

Participation in this survey will last approximately 10 minutes, and no personal information will be collected. Please do help us gather crucial information.

For more information on the survey visit The Rock of Hope's Facebook page.





PRIDE

REMINISCING ON PRIDE

Our first virtual Pride was a great success and we know very well that if it wouldn't have been this much of a success if it was not for everyone who play a role in making sure that we accomplish our first virtual Pride.

Speakers on the main Pride day



EU AMBASSADOR HER EXCELLENCY ESMERALDA HERNANDEZ ARAGONES

“ Spaces where organizations that support LGBTI persons should be created. Indeed there is legislative things to improve and to modify, we will continue to make public advocacy and political with the government to allow allow

democracy for the people of Eswatini for the communities of the LGBTI community. No one no matter who we love or who we are, everyone has to have the same rights.”

“If people have to hide their true identities at work, at church, or elsewhere in the community, we all miss out on the full range of talents and contributions they could be making.”

“Happy Pride, I just want send a quick message of happy Pride from San Francisco.... Black lives matter and Pride are becoming intertwined and relevant to one another. Happy Pride Eswatini.”



HER EXCELLENCY LISA PETERSON USA AMBASSADOR

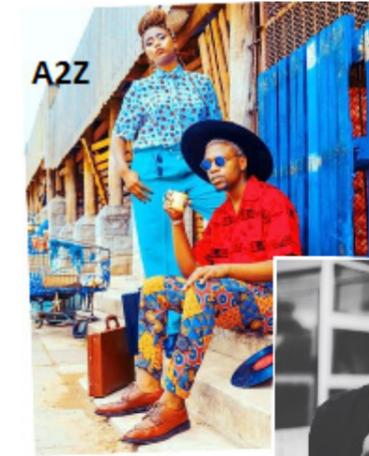


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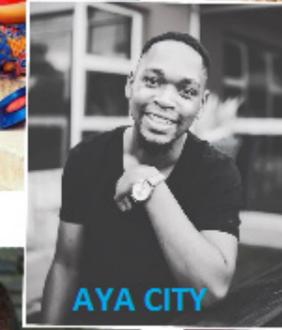
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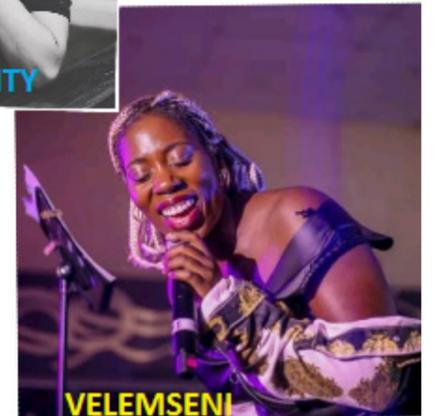
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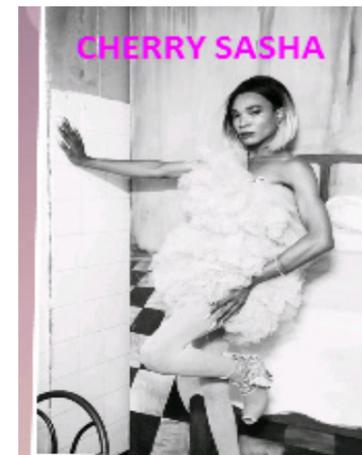
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