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# ***AHA! Project:*** ***Journalists and Activists Bring Awareness to the LGBTQIA+ Community in Sri Lanka***

**A.D. is a creative network based in Sri Lanka** who has worked in the past with LGBTQIA+ communities through supporting them to tell their stories and highlight the existence of their movements that are making change in the face of significant obstacles. Today, people stand united and others divided with the idea of supporting the LGBTQIA+ community. Cutting out the negative noise, the community is moving forward. There continues to be more awareness raising about the rights of the LGBTQIA+ community

With support from the European Union funded AHA! project, the organization is currently conducting a program called "Be A Voice." This program seeks to capacitate journalists and civil society activists to enhance their voices in the digital space. As an initiative to honor pride month, A.D. decided to give opportunities to LGBTQIA+ members to be a part of this capacity-building and fellowship program as a way to empower these members and to also combat homophobia and transphobia. This program provides abundant opportunities for individuals from the LGBTQIA+ communities to tell their compelling stories to the world. For A.D., Pride Month is an important opportunity to show support for marginalized communities. It's important that everybody feels welcome, and supported and provides an opportunity for the general public to show their support for people from all communities, which can help to further address concerns around inclusion and acceptance.



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