



Campaign “Against Article 6.13.1” in Russia

On December 19, 2012, the State Duma of the Russian Federation will consider in the first reading a draft law banning the so-called “propaganda of homosexuality” nationally.

The Russian LGBT Network launched a campaign aimed at preventing the inclusion of Article 6.13.1 in the Code of Administrative Offences and at raising awareness of the authorities and society about the dangerous consequences of the law on “propaganda”.

Now we turn to the international community – LGBT and human rights organizations, activists, and all like-minded people – for your support of the campaign.

Here are several suggestions on what one could do.

1. Release an official statement on the Russian “propaganda” law.
2. Join our community photo action “I’m against article 6.13.1”. You only need to take a picture of yourself with a sign that reads “I’m against article 6.13.1 in Russia” and share it by posting it in your social networks and sending to us at 6_13_1@lgbtnet.ru. Comments to the photos that would explain your position on the “propaganda” law are very welcome, we will share them with our supporters and subscribers online.
3. Record a short video (1.5 minutes) “Why I’m against Article 6.13.1”. Please send your videos to 6_13_1@lgbtnet.ru. We would like to kindly ask you to choose either English or Russian for these videos.
4. Support our street demonstrations that will be held on December 19th in Moscow and a number of Russian regions by organizing or joining a demonstration in front of the Embassy of the Russian Federation in your country.
5. Address the authorities in your country regarding your government’s possible statement on the Russian national “homosexual propaganda” law.
6. Pass this information further.

If you have any questions regarding the development and the campaign, or if you have any suggestions, please send an email to Maria Kozlovskaya (maria.k@lgbtnet.ru) and Anastasia Smirnova (a.smirnova@lgbtnet.ru).

Thank you in advance for your consideration and solidarity!

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