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### GLOBAL NEWS: GALE

## GALE presents school selection tool for LGBT parents

Today, at the NELFA conference for rainbow families, GALE presented two tools LGBT parents can use to better select an LGBT welcoming primary school for their children. The tools can also be use to advocate for more inclusive policies in the school they already selected.



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Brochures for parents and for schools.

The tools are two short brochures. One is meant for LGBT parents, the other for primary school principals and teachers. The LGBT parents brochure offers four key questions parents can ask their future or current school. These questions represent the four key domains of school policy and inquire about the quality of inclusiveness of school policy.

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### Publication of an analysis of sexual diversity in Montenegrin school text books

The Center for Civic Education and LGBT Forum Progress have, with the support of Council of Europe, published a book "Montenegrin educational policy and sexual orientation: representation of LGBT topics in school curricula and textbooks" .

#### A comprehensive analysis

The book is a very detailed analysis of the school curricula and textbooks in the country. It also offers guidelines on how to integrate human rights in the educational curricula with more quality. Sixteen compulsory and elective course curricula for primary schools, general grammar schools and vocational secondary schools have been analyzed. Additionally, a total of 17 course textbooks have been analyzed: seven textbooks for primary schools, nine for general grammar schools, and one for vocational secondary schools.

#### No discriminatory comments, but no attention either

The content analysis of the textbooks shows that Montenegrin textbooks in general promote human rights and provide basic guidelines for the development of the democratic political culture of young people. However, the textbooks mostly neglect presentations and discussion about numerous socially sensitive topics, such as, among other, the rights of persons belonging to sexual minorities, different sexual orientations, same-sex communities and families. On the other hand, they do not have negative contents regarding sexual orientation, but are mainly ignoring this issue. Thus, Montenegro is a more positive example in this context as compared to some regional examples, such as Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Serbia where there are registered examples of inappropriate and openly discriminatory and scientifically unfounded opinions.

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### **Nepal successfully pilots a teacher training project**

In Nepal, the Blue Diamond Society piloted a project, with support from World Bank, to build a pool of teachers to make them as a trainers to train other teachers and schools administration on "how to make schools safer for LGBTI students".

The project went very well and the pool of teachers have registered a NGO called Chetana (awareness) to train other teachers across Nepal.

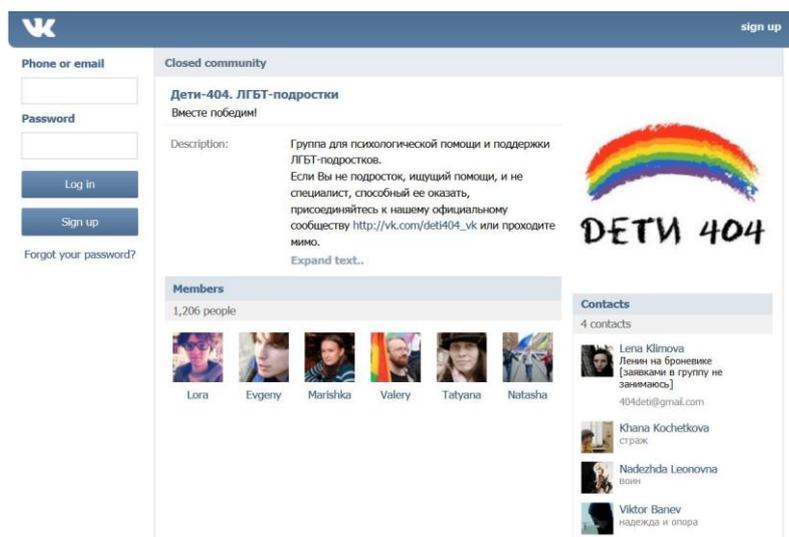
The training they offer is on both gender, sexuality and gender identity to make the educational environment gender/sexuality friendly. This fits neatly in the recent decision of the Nepal government to amend its class 6,7,8 high school syllabus to include gender and sexuality topics into its health and population subject.



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## Russian judge declares LGBT youth site is not forbidden propaganda

A Russian judge did not agree with the charges brought against journalist Elena Klimova. The charges said that her editing the LGBT youth webpage Deti 404 (<http://vk.com/deti404>) is “forbidden propaganda” according to the recent Russian censorship law.



Deti404 is a page on VK, the Russian version of Facebook. Elena Klimova got a lot of letters by LGBT youth and answered their questions on Deti404. The page became very popular, but has been taken offline after the propaganda charges. If Klimova were convicted, she had to pay 2100.

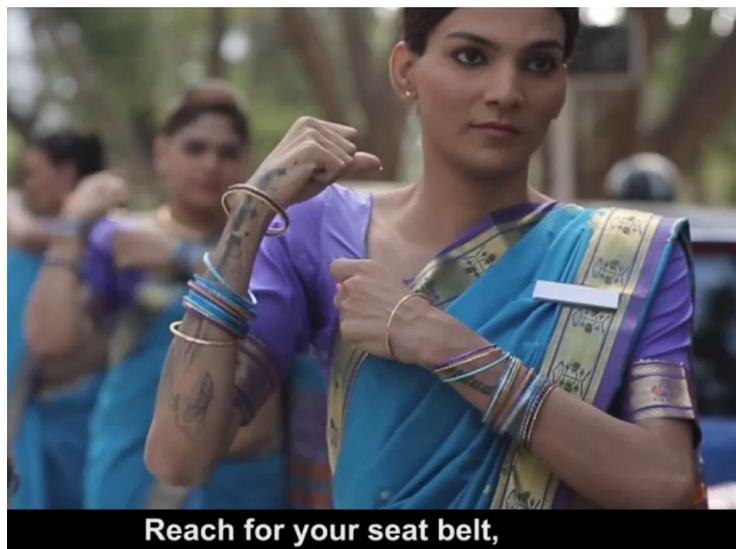
The judge said the webpages are not propaganda, but support for LGBT young people who struggle with their same-sex

attraction or gender identity. The judgment is an important precedent. Until now the impression was that any neutral or positive information on sexual diversity would be labeled propaganda and be criminal. For this reason LGBT pride events have been banned. According to the lawyer of Klimovas, the judgment makes clear the entire censorship law is not workable. However, Vitali Milonov, the Doema member who proposed the censorship law, will appeal the decision.

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### Road traffic safety education by hijras

Indian hijras (transgender women) have taken the initiative to make the chaotic and dangerous streets of India safer.



Reach for your seat belt,

They organized a short choreography to show on busy traffic crossings. Mimicking the movements and texts of stewardesses at the start of a plane flight, they demonstrate how to use a safety belt and urge the car drivers to use them.

Apart from promoting road safety, the hijras also promote their own safety and well-being. Traditionally, their "social class" (or caste) has been assigned the "profession" to sing, dance and give blessings at births and marriages. Regrettably, this work nowadays does not earn enough to survive. And hijras do not easily get another job. Because of this, hijras often feel pressed to find other ways to earn an income. For example by attending cars a road crossings and ask drivers for some money in return for the traditional blessing. However, such requests can also be interpreted as harassment and begging. So drivers may be not appreciative or even offensive.

The new road show cleverly turns this impression around, by making clear that hijras are only looking for the well-being of the population. Whether it is through a blessing or through road safety promotion.

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