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Russian LGBT Teen Support Site Deti-404 Blacklisted

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A Russian website supporting LGBT▣teenagers has been blacklisted by the state media watchdog,▣Roskomnadzor.

Founded in 2013, online project Deti-404 provided help▣and support for young people in Russia who were questioning their sexuality. The site▣also published letters from LGBT teenagers as they documented the▣struggles and homophobia they faced in their everyday lives.

The site has repeatedly attracted the▣ attention of Russian authorities, who claim that the project▣illegally promotes "non-traditional relationships" to children.

Writing on her VKontakte social media▣page, site founder Yelena Klimova said that the project had been▣found guilty of "spreading banned information," but that the▣court had not explained the decision in detail.

“Most⊠likely, t
he site will be suspended in Russia⊠in the near future,” she wrote.
“We⊠shall
keep working.”

The decision was⊠originally made by Siberia's Barnaul District Central Court in March⊠2016, but Roskomnadzor⊠only contacted
Klimova in⊠relation to the case on Monday, she said.

Roskomnadzor previously tried to ban the site in February 2015 for “promoting suicide.” The project⊠often features letters from teenagers who consider ending their lives⊠after suffering homophobic abuse.

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