

How to Make a Donation to the Russian LGBT Network If You Can't Read Russian

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I have fielded a lot of questions about how to make a direct donation to the [Russian LGBT Network](#) if you can't read Russian. Up until now, my answer has been a probably-not-very-helpful, "Click the Russian flag at the top of the page and toggle it until it turns American."

But [thanks to the generosity of my readers](#), I made a \$300 donation to the Russian LGBT Network yesterday. This enabled me to take screenshots of the entire process.

So here's a little tutorial I call "How to Make a Donation to the Russian LGBT Network If You Can't Read Russian (but Can Read English)."

If you're on the fence about donating to a Russian charity because they're Russian, [check out this post](#).

Step 0: Contact your Credit Card Company (optional)

If your credit company has a tendency to block transactions outside your country, let them know that to you're planning to make a transaction in Russia. You can also tell them the name of the payee will be **RBK*Igbtnet.ru**

Step One: Go to [Russian LGBT Network's home page](#)



[Here is the link to get to the English language version of Russian LGBT Network's homepage](#) . Clicking on "Make A

Donation,” which appears just below the menu, will get you to their donation page.

If you accidentally end up on the Russian homepage, the “Make a Donation Link” is in the exact same spot, and the option to switch to English is in the upper right of the screen, just above the menu:



Step 2: Select the Donate Now button halfway down the donation page



Here’s a link to get to the [English donation page](#). Below the Donate Now button, there is additional financial and banking information about the charity if you’re curious or you want to make a direct transfer by visiting your bank instead of via the web.

Step 3: Enter your information, but only if you want to

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MAKE A DONATION
WWW.LGBTNET.RU

DONATOR FORM

Below information fields are not obligatory to fill in

Full Name
Dale Lowry

Your Preferred Name
Dale

E-mail

Age
From: 40 to 50

Submit

Feedback

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Fill this out if you want to get a thank you email from the Russian LGBT Network. Otherwise, just click Submit.

The next screen has no discernible purpose other than checking that you can click a button. Go ahead and click that button anyway.

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Click OK to continue

OK

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Step 4: Enter the amount of your donation and the currency

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DONATE BY RBK MONEY

Amount *

300.00

\$

Pay

Feedback

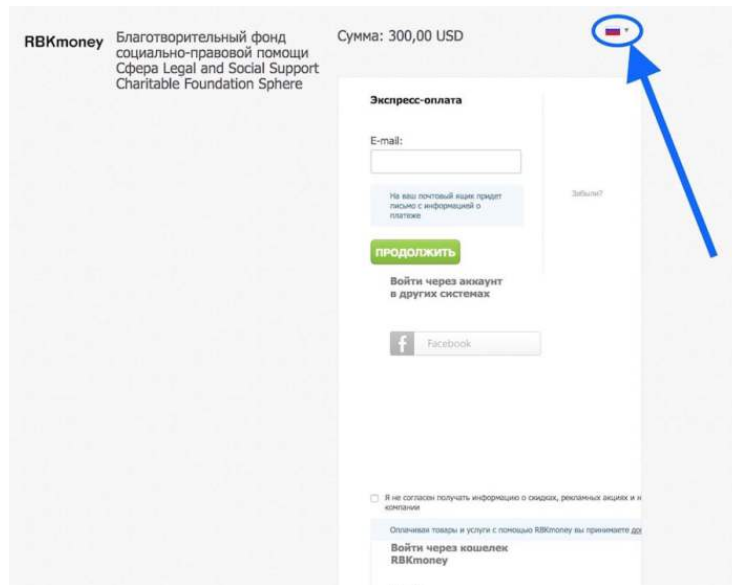
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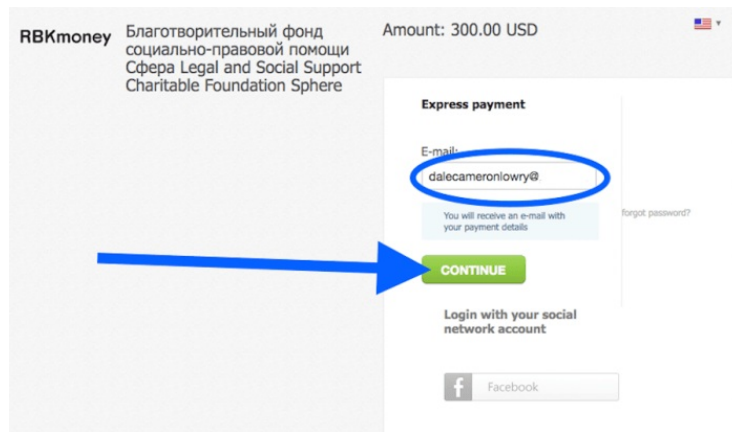
There's a field where you can enter the numerical amount of your donation. Below that is a menu that allows you to select from three currencies: rubles, euros, and US dollars. Then hit the Pay button.

Step 5: Welcome to RBK Money

Next you'll find yourself on the RBK Money website. [RBK Money](https://rbkmoney.ru/) is kind of like PayPal and is licensed by Russia's central bank. The address at the top of your browser will begin with <https://rbkmoney.ru/>. The page will be in Russian:



There is a Russian flag in the top right corner of the page. To the right of the Russian flag is a downward-pointing arrow. Click on the arrow and you will get the option to select an American flag. Do that, and you will get the page in English:



Enter your email so that RBK Money can send your receipt once your transaction is complete. Then press the Continue button.

Step 6: Enter your credit card information

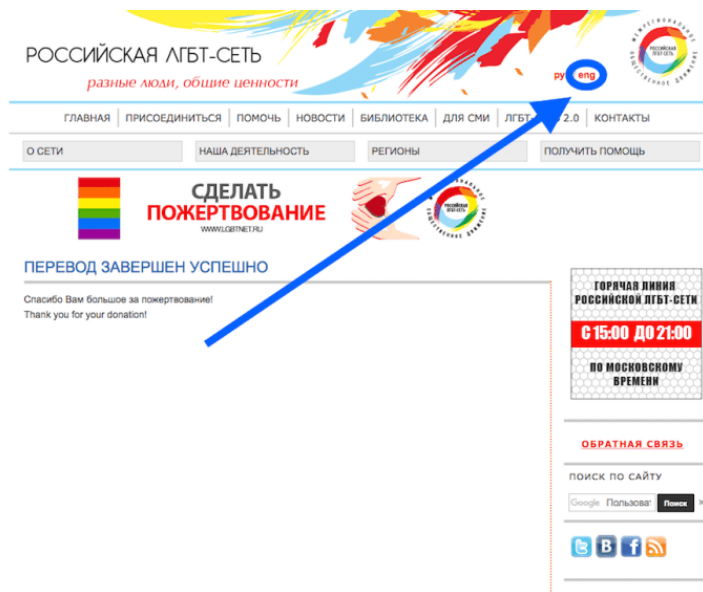
If you have used your credit card online before, this page should be pretty self-explanatory. RBK Money wants your credit card number, expiration date, and three-digit security code. Enter all that, check that the amount of money and currency is correct, and press continue. if for some reason this page switches to Russian, you can switch to English the same way you did on the previous page, by changing the flags through the menu at the top right of the screen.

(Aside: I have no idea what “Would you like to bind to the card?” means. They’re probably asking if you want the website to save your credit card information, but you’d need to ask somebody who didn’t drop out of Russian three weeks into their first semester.)

Step 7: Wait while the transaction gets processed

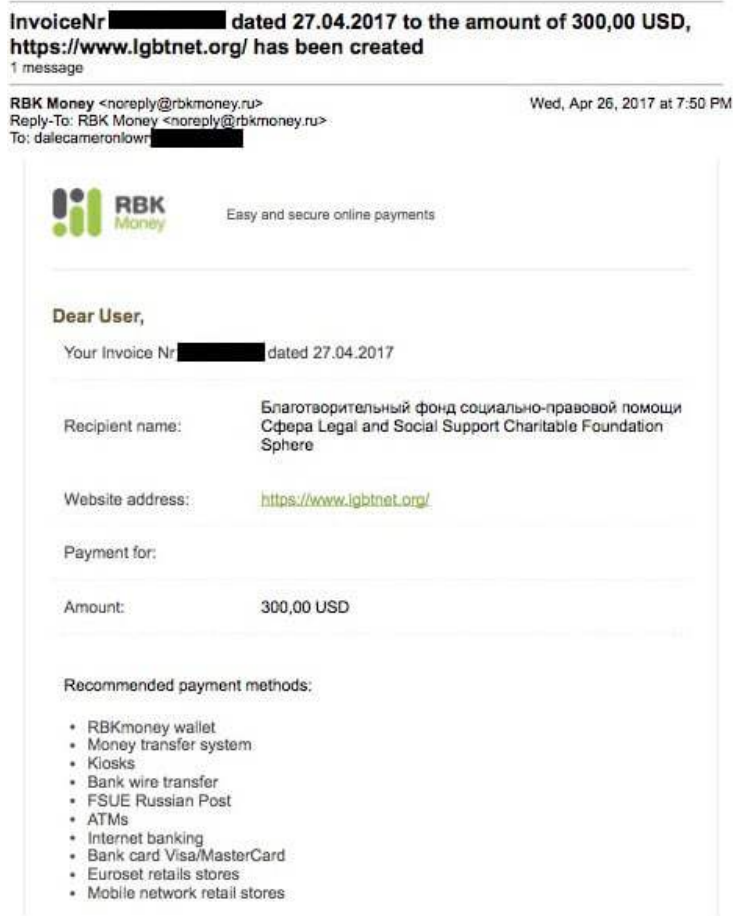
Step 8: Get a confirmation message

When processing is complete, RBK Money kicks you back to the Russian LGBT Network’s website. You will get a short message in both English and Russian telling you whether your transaction went through. The rest of the page is, however, in Russian, so if you want to continue browsing the site, just go to the top right again to switch languages.



Note: The first time I tried to donating to [Russian LGBT Network](http://RussianLGBTNetwork.org), I got a message that my transaction did not go through. I fixed this with a quick call to my credit card company, which had blocked the transaction because it didn't expect me to be doing business in Russia. You can prevent a rejected transaction by calling your credit card company first. That's the reason I listed Step 0 at the beginning of all this.

Step 9: Get a confirmation email from RBK Money



Step 10: Get a confirmation email from Russian LGBT Network

Спасибо за поддержку/Thank you very much for support

1 message

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Здравствуйте.

Спасибо большое за ваше пожертвование.

Команда Российской ЛГБТ-сети вам очень признательны и благодарны.

Hi dear, dear friend.

Thank you very much for your donation.

The team of the Russian LGBT Network is very grateful to you.



С уважением|Best regards,
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The email says:

Hi dear, dear friend.

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Best regards,

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And that's it! Just five to ten minutes of your life to help someone who really needs it.

I hope you found this tutorial helpful. Let me know in the comments section if you have any questions. And if you end up sending a ton of money to the [Russian LGBT Network](#), I won't mind at all.

Interested in learning more ways to help? Check out [Readers & Writers for LGBT Chechens](#).