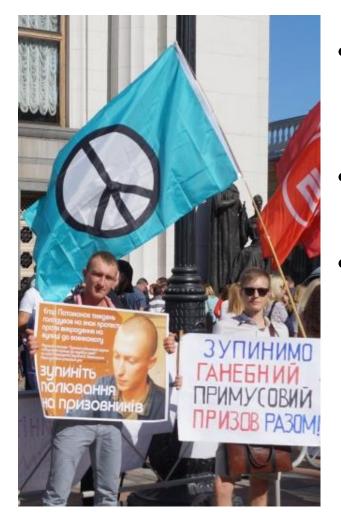
## Ukrainian Pacifist Movement



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- Founded in 2019 by the participants of peaceful protests against conscription in Kyiv.
- Non-governmental, nonprofit, and nonpartisan organization.
- Aim: to promote the right to peace, disarmament, the abolition of conscription, nonviolent resolution of conflicts, and democratic civilian control over military affairs.

## Founders







- Ruslan Kotsaba, president of the Ukrainian
  Pacifist Movement, is a well-known journalist,
  television presenter, and video blogger
  regularly criticizing conscription and war.
- Ihor Skrypnik, vice-president of the Ukrainian
  Pacifist Movement, is a video blogger and
  administrator of a Facebook group of
  protesters against conscription.
- Yurii Sheliazhenko, executive secretary of the Ukrainian Pacifist Movement, is a legal scholar, journalist, writer, and human rights defender.

## Activity



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Ukrainian Pacifist Movement demands to cancel conscription during COVID 19 quarantine. Moral sickness of coercive military service must not multiply epidemic dangers.





- We picketed the Verkhovna Rada (Parliament) of Ukraine and Office of President Volodymyr Zelensky demanding to stop cruel hunting for conscripts.
  - We run a petition campaign asking to abolish conscription and cut military spending. After our proposals, some conscription measures were suspended during COVID-19 quarantine in 2020
  - We released a video clip, which shows Ukrainian schoolchildren with guns under a song "I Didn't Raise My Son to be a Soldier."
  - We are grateful to the EBCO for considering our application for membership