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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

• 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.