Resisting War in Ukraine

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Nonviolent action
Meetings and cooperation
Statements and petitions
Human rights defense
Peace studies/education
Solidarity and support
Conscientious objection in Ukraine

- Discrimination in legal recognition, restricted to privileged confessions
- Alternative service: hardly accessible (lack of fair procedure), punitive (1.5 times longer than military service)
- Unwilling of Ukraine to comply with recommendations of UN Human Rights Committee
- No exceptions for pacifists in military mobilization policies, including a ban for all men in age 18-60 to travel abroad
- Illegal conscription by de-facto authorities in Crimea and Donbass

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<td>Under 18 for military schools: 17 for cadets</td>
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Source: EBCO annual report “Conscientious Objection to Military Service in Europe 2021”
Ukrainian Pacifists’ To-Do List

✓ Uphold human right to refuse to kill!
  Claim legal right to conscientious objection to military service according to international human rights standards. Help to advocate/defend right to refuse to kill.

✓ Stop the war! Advocate immediate ceasefire, comprehensive good-faith peace talks, and worldwide transition towards nonviolent society.

✓ Build peace! Help civilians to survive remaining civilians. Tell the truth, give hope, help the needy, study and teach nonviolence. Strengthen solidarity of peace-loving people and peace movement.
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