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Eileen Cook Email of 13 January 2017

I am writing in support of the above petition because I believe that this is a child rights and welfare issue. Scotland's Children's Commissioner has spoken out very strongly in support of the petition, and the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child has expressed its concern that schools in the UK are used as recruitment grounds for the armed forces.

I am a teacher in a Higher Education institution and often attend school careers events. I have long been disturbed at the dominant position offered to the armed forces.

I am also a member of the Scottish Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament (SCND). SCND has some very good education materials however we suffer from a lack of opportunities to use them in schools. At present, the information made available to young people is rather one sided.