Put an end to recruitment of 16 year olds into the UK armed forces

What better way to commit our country to peace during the commemoration of World War One and remember the hundreds of thousands who died from the UK alone, including boy soldiers like Rifleman V J Strudwick who was killed at 15? Why is it that in 2014 the UK is the only country in Europe - and the only country among the permanent members of the UN Security Council - to recruit 16 year olds into its armed forces?

More information from Forces Watch: http://tinyurl.com/FW-Recruitment

Use the petition below to raise awareness of this issue and gain public support for a change in government policy.

We call on the UK Government to stop its policy of allowing 15 year olds to apply and 16 and 17 year olds to be recruited into the Armed Forces. The recruitment and targeting of young people and vulnerable groups has been criticised by the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child. 2014 is the year to end this policy.

Printed name	**Signature**	**Postcode**	**Email address: if you would like to be kept informed on this issue**

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