

Memdeklaro

Self-declaration of identity



The humanitarian alternative to government ID

<https://github.com/memdekclaro>

What is Memdeklarō?

- **Self-declaration of identity**
- Humanitarian self-sovereign alternative to government ID
- Define your own name, culture and personal ties without requiring permission from third parties such as birth countries, birth cultures or birth parents
- You are the authority over your own life



What is Memdeklarō?

- Memdeklaro is a self-printed paper business card or plastic card
- **It contains:** Self-chosen first name, self-chosen surname, birth date, photo, signature
- **It does not contain:** Birth place, citizenship or stateless status, parents' names (Protects dissidents, conscientious objectors, adult victims of child abuse and victims of cult abuse)



Why Memdeklar?

- More daily life necessities are strictly requiring government ID every year, from housing, jobs and healthcare to sim cards, mail, libraries and volunteer work
- **However:** Millions of people are shut out of the government ID system, usually due to circumstances of birth rather than their own actions as an adult
- Nation-states often refuse to print birth certificates, national ID cards and passports, with no appeals or last resorts
- United Nations no longer issues Nansen passports, Red Cross rarely issues Emergency Travel Documents, stateless passports exist by law but are rarely issued
- There is no way to independently "earn" a legal identity as an adult
- Vicious circle of "it's illegal to not have ID, but no jurisdiction will print ID for you"

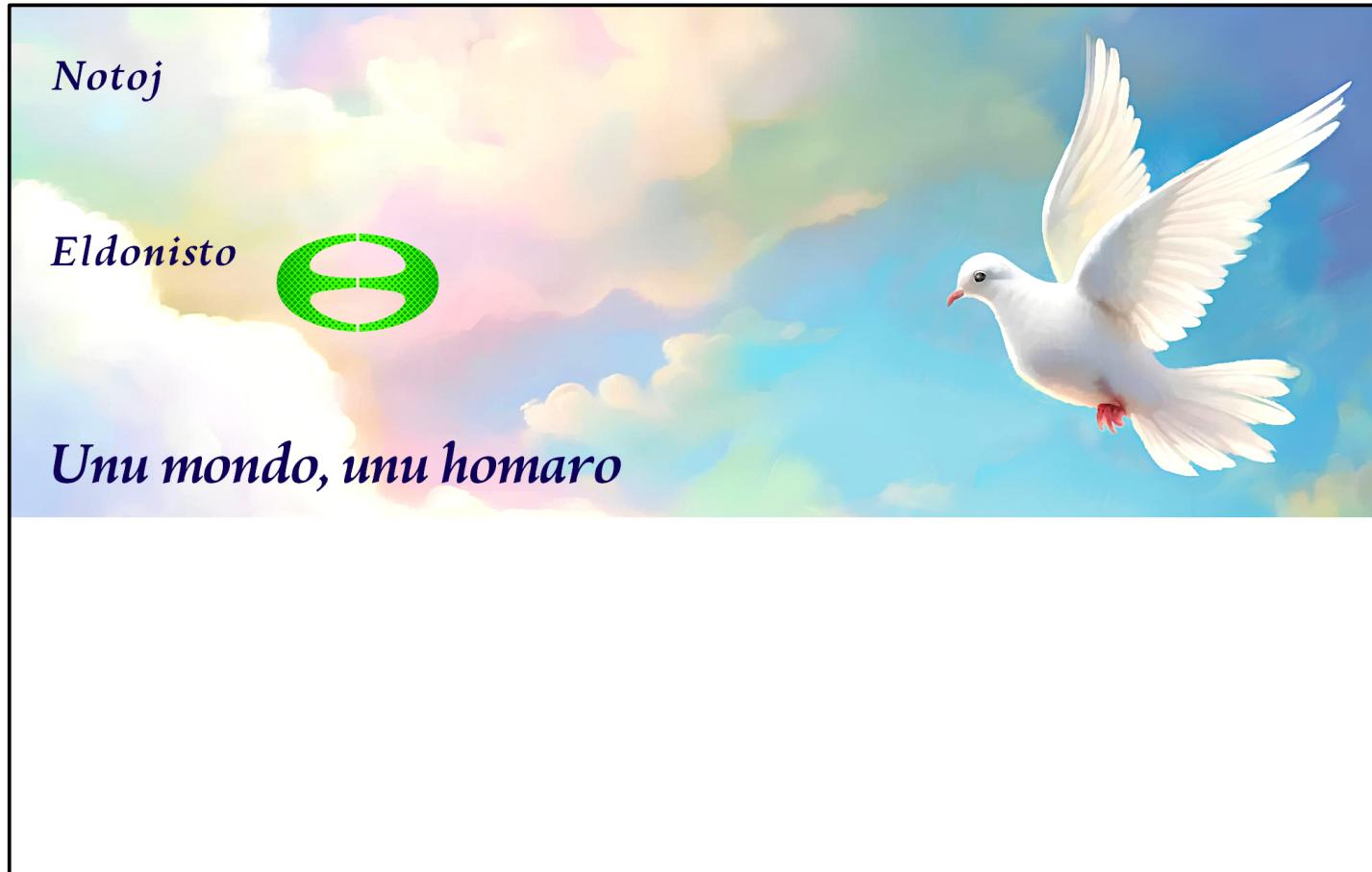
How to use Memdeklaro?

- Memdeklaro is a **self declaration**, which means it is not issued by a centralized authority, but rather printed by the holder themselves
- Privacy-friendly generator: <https://memdeklaro.surge.sh>
- Template: <https://github.com/memdeklaro> (for Photoshop, GIMP)
- Use digitally, print out as a business card, or order a plastic card from a printing service

Memdeklaro - Front template

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<i>Nomo</i>	
<i>Antaŭnomo</i>	
<i>Naskiĝdato</i>	<i>Eldondato</i>
<i>Subskribo</i>	<i>Limdato</i>
	<i>Numero</i>

Memdeklaro - Back template



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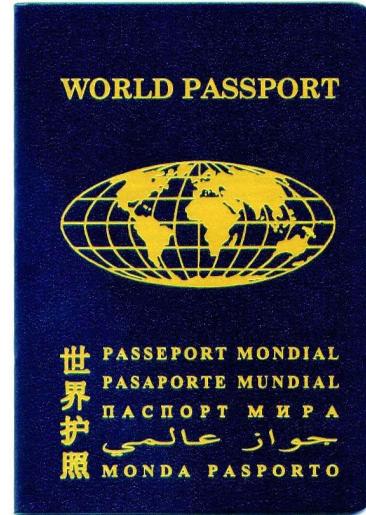
- **ID requirements are not necessary and do more harm than good**
- Examples of successful ID-less transactions:
 - Paying cash for a loaf of bread or a bus ticket
 - Ticket to visit a concert, membership card to visit a gym
 - Passwords and PINs (e.g. picking up mail using a PIN sent by SMS)
 - Cash deposit for an apartment rental
 - Portfolio, references or a trial period for a job application
 - Physical keys and codes (such as room keys or a safe code)
 - Cryptographic key pairs (e.g. PGP, Monero)

Further reading

- Further reading about the dangers of the state monopoly on identity:
- Passports Were a “Temporary” War Measure - Speranta Dumitru
- During World War II, we did have something to hide - Hans de Zwart
- The Little-Known Passport That Protected 450,000 Refugees - Cara Giaimo
- With each person left living on the streets, we are losing as a society - Petr Baroch
- Exclusion and identity: life without ID - Privacy International
- Establishing identity is a vital, risky and changing business - The Economist

Further reading

- Alternative non-government IDs
- World Passport
- Digitalcourage
- *Like Memdeklaro, they do not require an existing passport or birth certificate*



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