

Wirtland Offers Citizenship, Declares Sovereignty With No Territorial Claims

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WIRTLAND, NOVEMBER 22, 2008 - Wirtland ['virtlend] (<u>http://www.Wirtland.com</u>) claims to be the youngest country in the world and was founded on August 14, 2008. It is an experiment into legitimacy and self-sustainability of a sovereign country without its own soil.

Wirtland is based on the concept of a country that transcends national borders without breaching or lessening the sovereignty of any involved. Many people feel powerless when it comes to the events that transpire within the governments of their home country, so the creation of a country where they can enact changes and contribute in a meaningful way makes them feel better. This idea could become a movement and given time, could affect change in the real world. Wirtland is the newest alternative for people's self-identification.

Wirtland is growing steadily. It already has a network of citizens (also known as "witizens", <u>http://witizens.ning.com</u>) from all 5 continents, offers citizenships, and publishes a newspaper. People are constantly suggesting new interesting directions - from a Genome Research Foundation to national Music Charts. Everyone is welcome to sign up as a "tourist" in our land, or apply for a full citizenship.

Wirtland differs from online "virtual worlds": there is no computer-simulated environment, citizens do not use avatars. They may influence real politics, set up organizations, earn money, find partners. Wirtland issues real passports, marriage certificates, and other documents; it registers businesses and other institutions.

Though citizenship in Wirtland is open and free of charge, Wirtland is not actively recruiting new citizens, neither it uses commercial advertising. However, Government of Wirtland desires to spread the word about this project, because that is the only way people may learn about the alternatives offered by Wirtland. If interested, please visit <u>http://www.Wirtland.com</u>.



Wirtland is an internet-based sovereign country. Wirtland was founded on August 14, 2008 as a public initiative. It is represented through its official website <u>www.wirtland.com</u>.