



NONPROFIT GUIDE

CREATING YOUR DECENTRALIZED IDENTITY



INTRODUCTION

Decentralized identity is a transformative concept that empowers civil society leaders and organizations to take control of their digital identities, providing increased credibility, security, and authority.

Unlike traditional centralized identity systems where third parties like governments or corporations own and control your data, making them vulnerable to attacks and data leaks, decentralized identity empowers you to manage your digital presence securely, and no one can take it away from you.

A digital identity gives you total control of your online presence and includes search history, usernames and passwords, licenses, degrees, Social Security numbers, and more.

In this guide, we'll walk you through the process of creating a basic decentralized identity using Gitcoin.co and connecting it to your Metamask wallet. If you haven't created your Metamask wallet yet, please refer back to the [previous guide](#).

SET UP YOUR PASSPORT

STEP 1

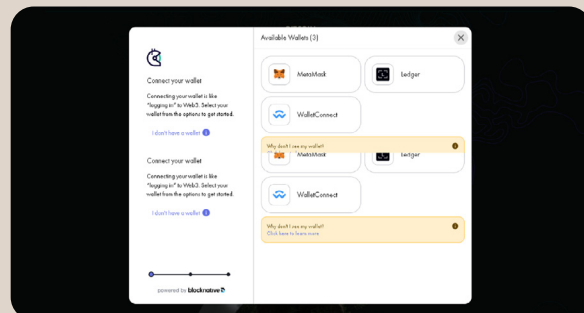
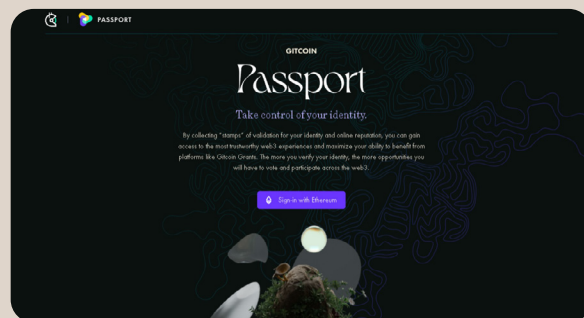
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Once you're on the page, click **Sign-in with Ethereum**.

From there it will show available wallets.

For this guide we will be using the Metamask wallet you set up in the previous guide.

Your Metamask browser extension will launch, and you can sign in with your credentials.



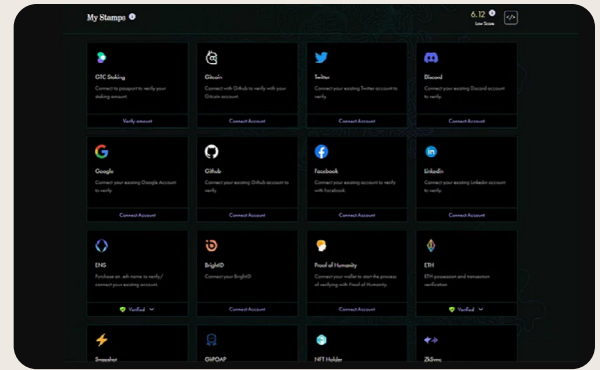
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STEP 2

STAMP YOUR PASSPORT

The first page you'll see after signing up will be a list of available stamps. Earning stamps helps validate you and shows that you're not a bot. This is called decentralized identity verification. Simply put, the more platforms you connect and tasks you undertake, the more likely you are a real human being and the more points you get.

Each stamp earns you points, with the goal of at least 20.

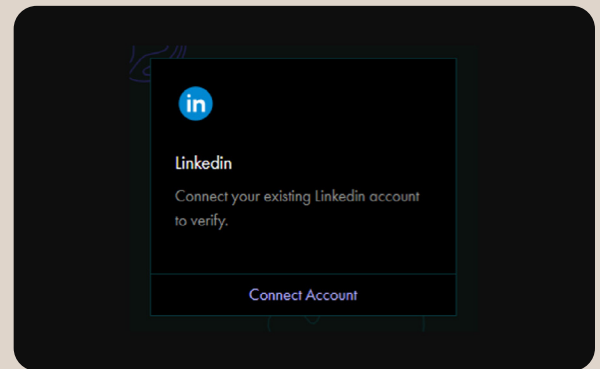


STEP 3

CONNECT YOUR ACCOUNTS

The easiest way to get stamps and get points is to connect your social media accounts. Many of the most ubiquitous sites are available, including X (formerly Twitter), Facebook, LinkedIn, Google, and Discord.

Make sure you're signed in to them and then click **Connect Account** for each in turn.



STEP 4

STAY ENGAGED

You now have a basic decentralized identity.

To continue growing and maintaining it, stay active online and keep connecting your digital accounts.

Engage with the decentralized identity community to learn about new opportunities and best practices.

Always be cautious about sharing your identity data and manage your privacy settings carefully.



Do you have any questions or comments about this topic or these learning materials?

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