

Emigrating to space

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on my need to emigrate to space, 15 years from now.

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I am AsgardianJacob, a.k.a. Jacob Mulder from the Netherlands, and I plan to emigrate to a space colony. I need to emigrate to a space colony, some 15 years from now. And I need your help for that.

Some 30 years ago I studied astronomy and computer science at the University of Groningen, the Netherlands. I'm currently security & enterprise architect in information technology, working for a large, international IT company. I also part-time work for that same university, in a Center of Expertise on health, and I'm chair of a partnership of some 70 independent entrepreneurial care providers. I also have my own private one-person company MADmelange, which is also registered in the Business Development Activities Registry of Asgardia.

I really do need to emigrate to space in the not too distant future, because I'm 'gravitationally challenged'. Not that I'm overweight :-), but I'm in an electric reclining wheelchair. That's due to serious issues with my back – gravity squeezes my spine, which is caused by a twisted, worn backbone. I had a bad back since I was 11, but some 4 years ago it became so bad that I can hardly walk anymore. And my condition will slowly get worse.

To sustainably getting rid of gravity, one can go floating in water and in space. Given my knowledge on astronomy and IT and the strong basis that Asgardia offers, I prefer space.

So I really need Asgardia. The good news: together we can. We have a shared dream and we know we can realise it. We are proving that at this moment, here at this congress. Lots of ideas and knowledge: on artificial gravity, on procreation in space, on financing our ideas, on manufacturing, on sustainability, on laws and regulations, on human physiology, on radiation, on a space colony and its supporting swarm architecture.

We, together. I myself can also be of serious added value up there, and until then, down here, at Asgardia. With my private company MADmelange.Space, I can deliver advice and consultancy to residents and companies. And of course as a Security Architect and Enterprise Architect at CGI, a large international ICT systems integrator. CGI has the real power to implement. Asgardia needs commercial multinationals like CGI.

As you can see, I'm quite enthusiastic and optimistic. However, I also realize very well that my wish is quite drastic. Due to my physical condition I won't be able to return to the surface. So it's really emigrating. But you understand that I'm very serious on that, since I really need to escape gravity, some 15 years from now.

So: no time to waste! I am confident that together we can accomplish our dream. To realize space colonies. To boldly go where we want to go. To boldly go where I need to go. Building Asgardia. In a sustainable way. Financially self-supporting. Providing added value, individuals like myself and space colonies as a whole, supported by a swarm architecture.

I firmly believe that together we can collaborate towards our shared goal. Emigration to space will be possible, I will do that in 15 years, you will help me with that. Together we can, as free spirits, one unity, for one humanity. The sky is absolutely no limit.



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