



BIOGRAPHY

VINAY GUPTA

Vinay Gupta is Founder and CEO of Mattereum. He is a leading figure in the blockchain space, having coordinated the release of the blockchain platform Ethereum in July 2015, and was a strategic architect for ConsenSys Systems, a technology hub focusing on the Ethereum blockchain and related applications.

He helped architect the National Blockchain Strategy for Dubai. He has been involved in commercial software development since 1992, with long stints in energy policy and defence think tanks, and his experience as a programmer and visionary has covered fields as diverse as medical imaging, flight simulation, cryptographic applications and the web, as well as energy policy, disaster relief, and grand strategy for poverty alleviation.

A Renaissance man and futurist interested in the technological transformation of society and commerce, Vinay has a strong track record of thought leadership in environmental and infrastructure risk, failing states, energy policy (with five years at the Rocky Mountain Institute) and disaster management. He was on the editorial team of Small is Profitable, the winner of the 2003 Economist Book of the Year, and has contributed to US Department of Defense research, advised Arup on urban resilience and was associate fellow at the UCI Institute for Security and Resilience.

He has long had a humanitarian concern with the condition of the poorest in society and disaster relief. He invented the cheap, simple, non-patented and open-source hexayurt refugee shelter which has gone on to become iconic in the Burning Man counter-culture. In his techno-realist view, technology and engineering, including blockchain, can contribute to positive social and commercial transformation and help deal with resource scarcity.