

## About cheqd

cheqd – is the network for trusted data that enables organisations to give individuals their data back.

### *Expanded description*

cheqd is building a network for Trusted Data. Allowing users to fully own and control their data, it enables trusted data marketplaces and decentralized identity for individuals, organisations, and things.

It provides payment rails, customisable commercial models and governance structures for trusted data, including self-sovereign identity (SSI). Based on blockchain technology, cheqd is built upon a public permissionless network with a dedicated token - \$CHEQ.

Founded in 2021 by CEO Fraser Edwards and CTO Ankur Banerjee, cheqd is a driver for innovation backed by Outlier Ventures, Evernym (now acquired by Avast), Cosmos' Ignite (formerly known as Tendermint Ventures) and private investors, receiving a total raise of just over £2.4 million in its seed investment round.

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## cheqd C-suite biographies

Fraser Edwards (CEO & Co-founder), prior to cheqd, successfully led the Known Traveller Digital Identity (KTDI.org) project with the World Economic Forum and the Dutch and Canadian governments. Fraser has patents in cross-ledger payments. He also has blockchain payments expertise through architecting cross-blockchain payments on the Jasper-Ubin project with the Singaporean and Canadian Central banks. Blending technology and business acumen and rarer experience, he has deep consortium and decentralized identity or self-sovereign identity knowledge. (<https://www.linkedin.com/in/edwardsfraser/>)

Ankur Banerjee (CTO and Co-founder) is an Engineering leader and a co-inventor on multiple patents in the space of cloud-based artificial intelligence services and blockchain, including the Hyperledger blockchain automation framework. He spent time as a disruptive technology lead for the Accenture Fintech accelerator before joining IDWorks, followed by R3. (<https://www.linkedin.com/in/banerjeeankur/>)

Javed Khattak (CFO) is an award-winning C-suite executive (CFO of the year twice by Wealth and Finance magazine), a qualified actuary and a serial entrepreneur who has led multi-billion dollar funds/projects and successful ventures. He has advised governments, central banks and global brands like PwC, GSK, M&S, HSBC, and Thomson Reuters. Javed has valuable experience in structuring and scaling blockchain products. He also brings a passion for the transformational nature of blockchain technology for DeFi identity that underpins digital and real-world interactions. (<https://www.linkedin.com/in/javedkhattak/>)