

Suresh Raj is one of the most vocal proponents of diversity, inclusion and equality, sitting in the intersectionality of being a person of colour, LGBTQ+ and of multicultural background. Raj advocates on the job as well as through his activity throughout the larger movement. Raised in Malaysia to Christian/Muslim parents, having lived in the UK and now New York, he is openly gay and of Middle Eastern / Asian descent. Raj serves as a senior counsel for Vision7 International's diversity, inclusion and equality efforts. Recognitions include being named to two prominent global lists – (1) Financial Times' and Yahoo! Finance's Top 100 Ethnic Minority Executive Leaders as well as (2) the Top 100 LGBTQ+ Executive Leaders for the last five consecutive years. Raj is a founding member of The Collective, which includes senior LGBTQ+ leaders from across private sector, government/politics and NGOs; global mentor for INvolve, the diversity and inclusion specialists; an inaugural member of McKinsey's The Alliance, a global network of senior LGBTQ+ leaders. In July 2020, Suresh hosted and moderated a conversation with Dr Ibram X. Kendi, American author (books include New York Times best sellers *Stamped* and *How to be an Antiracist*, historian and leading scholar of race and discriminatory policy in America discussing the rise of the Black Lives Matter movement and the current challenges in racism across multiple countries.