



Hayden Blackburn

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Hayden has centered his career around social entrepreneurship and economic development and while most of us imagine a dream job; as Executive Director of Tech Fort Worth and Director of Cowtown Angels, Hayden is in his. He serves on the boards of organizations working in economic development and education, including the International Business Innovation Association, Near Southside Inc., and the Fort Worth Public Library Foundation.

Before joining TechFW, Hayden was the founding Director of IDEA Works Fort Worth, a mixed-industry incubator formed in 2013 in a public-private partnership to fill a gap in the Fort Worth entrepreneurial ecosystem. Over the years he has also helped organize multiple community staples for entrepreneurs, including Startup Weekend and 1 Million Cups, and got his start in social entrepreneurship in 2007 where he fell in love with helping founders realize their visions.