



## Hayden Blackburn

**DIRECTOR, IDEA WORKS FW**

Hayden Blackburn has spent the last decade working in economic, community, and small business development. Hayden is a graduate of Texas Tech University with a Bachelor of Business Administration in General Business with a Minor in Psychology. He started his professional career as a project specialist in the field of economic development for business recruitment and business retention.

Hayden has a passion for social enterprises and co-launched his first social enterprise in 2007 in Lubbock. Following his passion for social good he co-launched an event series in Fort Worth in 2012, highlighting the works of social enterprises and what they mean to our community.

Hayden worked as a sole-proprietor and consultant for several years working with organizations on their program development, communications, and grant research and administration.

With a belief in the power of community development through engagement and partnerships he has been involved in several community-based projects, including several Maker Movement initiatives in Fort Worth, SteerFW, the Mayor's emerging leaders initiative, and guiding the vision and launch of IDEA Works FW, a mixed-industry incubator formed from a public-private partnership between the city of Fort Worth and the BAC Education Foundation.

Hayden is currently the director of IDEA Works FW.