

BROOKE KLEJNOT

EXPERIENCE MANAGER

Brooke has over 15 years of community development and arts experience. She is passionate about improving neighborhoods, small business support and celebrating culture and community. When she's not working on projects that enrich the community, you'll find Brooke listening to live music at the local dive bar, strolling through the modern art gallery, or smothering her dog Kahiki with too much attention.

Brooke specializes in leadership and management of community-based projects and initiatives and works collaboratively with communities to develop meaningful and impactful programs. Her professional experience has intentionally blurred the lines between community development and the arts. She has been a part of a number of catalytic projects in northern Indiana, including the Clyde Theatre and The Landing in Fort Wayne. While living in Indianapolis, Brooke served as the Executive Director of the Broad Ripple Village Association for six years working on behalf of businesses, residents, and visitors in the city's "original" Cultural District. She also served at the Fort Ben Reuse Authority, Indianapolis Art Center, Broad Ripple Art Fair, Mapleton-Fall Creek Development Corporation and Live Nation. Additionally, she has participated on boards for a number of arts organizations and festivals, including Fountain Square Music Festival, Taste of Broad Ripple, Harrison Center for the Arts, WITT Community Radio and Oranje Arts and Music Festival.

Brooke has a master's degree in Urban and Regional Planning from Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana. She has a bachelor degree in Marketing from Ball State and certificates in Comprehensive Community Economic Development and Community Organizing from Prosperity Indiana and the Indianapolis Neighborhood Resource Center, respectively.



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PERSONAL EXPERIENCE*

- » Downtown Kalamazoo
Kalamazoo, Michigan
- » Connect Elkhart County
Elkhart, Indiana
- » Community Manager,
Model Group
The Landing, Fort Wayne, Indiana
- » Programming and
Marketing Director,
Clyde Theatre
Fort Wayne, Indiana
- » Executive Director,
Broad Ripple Village
Indianapolis, Indiana

EDUCATION

- » Master of Urban and Regional
Planning, Ball State University
- » Bachelor of Science Marketing,
Ball State University