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CivicTechYYC celebrates one year anniversary with launch and community pitches of ideas

From blockchain to city art maps technologists in Calgary are creating innovation for social good

CivicTechYYC is a community based group that is part of a global movement to leverage technology for public good. Launched in June 2017, the initiative was born out of a collective vision between Code for Canada and CivicTech groups around the world. The group began as a collective of 30 technologists, community activists, volunteers, artists, and business owners and has grown to over 200 people in one year.

Launched during the recession, this collective of people realized that there is more to Calgary than the energy sector. By harnessing the creative power of a variety of individuals CivicTechYYC focuses on what makes Calgary an amazing place to live and how to make it even better. This initiative is a way to engage Calgarians to think of new ways to develop technology that will enhance Calgary's community. With a focus on the merging of arts, culture, technology, volunteerism and blockchain for Social Good - the membership has steadily grown and meets on a monthly basis.

The goal of CivicTechYYC is to use technology, data, and connectivity to address challenges that citizens and governments are facing and to pursue opportunities for greater citizen engagement and more effective services that will make Calgary an even better place to live. During the meet-ups individuals work together to build apps and technology platforms that will ultimately strengthen connections between Calgarians.

Some of the projects currently being worked on include BlockChain Experiments, Volly, CityArtMap, and PRACTICA. To read more on these initiatives visit the [CivicTechYYC website](#) or come to the public launch taking place June 12, 2018 at 6:30 pm at Village Brewery.

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