



Paty Funegra is a social entrepreneur, activist, and advocate of businesses that are creating positive impact in the United States and in the developing world. She is the Founder and President of Global Development Advisors, a hybrid nonprofit and for-profit consulting firm that drives economic development through social impact investing. The organization helps transform developing communities around the world by creating profitable businesses that are aligned with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

Paty is also passionate about supporting others in reaching their highest potential through Purpose Reimagined, a consulting firm she created to partner with business owners, philanthropists, nonprofit leaders, and corporations to identify their purpose and apply it to their careers, companies, and philanthropic goals.

From 2013 - 2021 Paty has been the Founder and CEO of La Cocina VA, a vocational and technical education non-profit organization that supports workforce and small business development for people of color in Washington DC. She has worked tirelessly to educate and empower women, immigrants, and minorities by building a comprehensive support network to assure their successes. Paty built and expanded La Cocina VA to become a nationally and internationally recognized institution. As a result, Paty has transformed the lives of more than 150 immigrant women; 78% of her clients have retained their new jobs for more than one year and numerous clients have become first-time homeowners and small business owners.