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Abby Fichtner works with some of the world's top organizations and universities to incite creativity and spur extraordinary results.

Whether in art, technology, or education, Abby is always seeking to push the edge on what's possible. She's spent 25 years creating award-winning, innovative solutions and leading first-of-their-kind creative, educational, and community-based initiatives.

As Microsoft's Evangelist for Startups, she helped shape Microsoft's startup community and partnership programs that have helped countless startups throughout the US and beyond. At Harvard University, she helped design much of the programming for their Innovation Lab, including their Venture Incubation Program, which has launched hundreds of student-led businesses and non-profits. As Founding Executive Director, she led the launch of Boston's Big Data Hacker Space with the mission of growing the area's big data talent. And she Co-Founded Unpitch as a free way to connect new and aspiring entrepreneurs with top investors – a model that has been duplicated as far away as Australia and Bangkok. For all of this and more, she's been named one of the Top Women in Boston Tech and Boston's Startup Guardian Angel.

These days, she's particularly excited about how we can shape our companies and our communities to support the future of work and education in a way that propels each and every one of us to new heights of success and well-being. Outside of that intriguing challenge, Abby loves spending time creating art, playing with her very large and very adorable puppy, and soaking in the beauty of nature on her own little 8 acres of rural New Hampshire.