



## **Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Washington Center of Transformation**

Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Washington Center of Transformation (CoT) is a first-of-its-kind incubator for change, innovation, engagement, advocacy, and creative thinking.

Currently in its second year, CoT promotes a pathway for social impact for **all youth**, with an emphasis on **elevating the voices of black and brown youth from predominantly historically marginalized communities** to champion the protection of our planet.

CoT's mission is **to raise Club youth's awareness of climate change and other global issues, empowering them to use advocacy to create a more just, responsible, equitable, and sustainable planet.**

CoT's vision is to create a locally-designed, nationally-implemented program that provides youth with world-class opportunities to become global change agents and solution-focused leaders.

CoT is underpinned by **four foundational pillars: STEM, Workforce Readiness, DEI, and Advocacy.**

These pillars serve as the backbone of our initiative, ensuring that youth gain critical skills, foster inclusivity, become effective advocates, and prepare for future career opportunities.

CoT has **four core goals** to guide its efforts.

1. CoT will invest in high-yield learning programs for youth locally in the Greater Washington area and nationwide, ensuring a strong focus on educational excellence.
2. CoT will increase youth exposure to emerging global issues through creative and interactive experiences, fostering engagement and understanding.
3. CoT's third goal is to design and execute a 2024 program curriculum focused on Transportation & Energy, addressing two principle sectors that drive global climate change.
4. CoT will engage with local Boys & Girls Clubs nationally and sustainability-focused partner organizations to expand its reach beyond DC, enhancing members' experiences through collaboration.

CoT will serve teen members aged 14-18 both in-person and virtually, through BGCW's online platform, *Clubhouse@YourHouse*.

On January 29, 2024, CoT launched its 10-week program curriculum featuring interactive activities, special events, a final project competition, and career fair.

The culmination of CoT's efforts is the annual **Center of Transformation Summit (CoTS) in Washington, DC, June 16-21, 2024**: a week of learning, advocacy, networking, and world-class experiences unique to our nation's capital.

***We invite you to consider partnering in this work by sharing relevant opportunities, attending events, suggesting curriculum enhancements, and through charitable giving.***

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