



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. In its third year, CoT will serve teen members, aged 12-18, both in-person and virtually, through BGCW's online platform, *Clubhouse @ Your House*. In 2024, over 150 teen members, from ten (10) organizations, participated in the program. CoT promotes a pathway for social impact and justice, with an emphasis on **elevating youth voices and those from predominantly historically marginalized communities**.

CoT's mission is to **raise Club youth's awareness of global issues**, empowering them to **advocate for 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 and experiences to become global change agents and solution-focused leaders.

CoT has **four strategic goals**:

1. Invest in high-yield and experiential learning programs for youth locally in the Greater Washington area and nationwide, through 21st century life skills development and educational excellence.
2. Increase youth exposure to emerging global issues through creative and experiential experiences, fostering engagement and understanding.
3. Design and implement an innovative 2025 CoT program focused addressing food sustainability.
4. Partner with local Boys & Girls Clubs nationally and sustainability-focused youth organizations to expand their reach beyond DC, enhancing members' experiences through collaboration.

Three foundational pillars, STEM, Advocacy, and Workforce Readiness, serve as the backbone of the CoT initiative. Youth enhance and refine valuable "future ready" skills related to leadership, career and college preparedness, equity and inclusion, advocacy, networking, and entrepreneurship.

In January 2025, CoT will launch its **10-week program, from January 27, 2025 - April 18, 2025**, featuring experiential learning activities, a final project competition, and special events. Some final project competition winners will be invited to the annual **CoT Summit (CoTS) and Career Fair in Washington, DC, June 15-20, 2025**, for a week of world-class exposure and experiences, advocacy, career enrichment and networking that's unique to our nation's capital. In 2024, 50 teen members from six (6) organizations attended the CoT Summit.

Partner with us programming opportunities, event sponsorships, and philanthropic support.

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