

## **BGC Hamilton-Halton Youth Council 2021/2022**

### **INFORMATION FORM**

#### **Thinking of joining the Youth Council?**

BGC Hamilton-Halton's Youth Council is composed of youth leaders aged 15-21 seeking to make a strong impact in the community and in our club. Through their diverse identities, experiences and skills youth leaders offer leadership and insight into the direction and work of BGC Hamilton-Halton, as well as the surrounding communities. Participating in Youth Council provides members with meaningful opportunities to build leadership, insight and capacity, as well as to access networking, mentorship and professional development opportunities.

#### **Youth Council Members have the unique opportunity to...**

- Connect with BGCHH Staff and Board Members to educate on youth council issues and facilitate discussions from youth perspectives
- Plan and deliver multiple community service initiatives
- Inform community members about the work and objectives of the youth council
- Provide input into development of Marketing and Communications materials, resources, campaigns, etc.
- Provide input into BGCHH program design for youth programs
- Attend board meetings and delegate youth funding in programs
- Participate in youth leadership initiatives and activities
- Set personal development goals and work directly with BGCHH Staff Mentor(s) to develop a growth plan
- Build volunteer experience and gain highschool volunteer hours

#### **Youth Council Structure:**

BGCHH Youth Council will open membership for all interested youth in the Hamilton-Halton area. Council meetings will be held every 1-2 weeks through Zoom in accordance with everyone's availability, forms will be sent out monthly to coordinate a schedule. Youth will have the opportunity to create and join various sub committees based on interests to facilitate personal growth and development while implementing change in specific areas. While there will still be main points of contact (adult allies) for Youth Council, members will have the opportunity to engage with and learn from adult experts in a variety of areas. Youth Council will operate through the 2021/2022 school year with further opportunities flowing into the summer months.

## **Youth Roles and Responsibilities:**

The BGCHH Youth Council is committed to providing representation for Hamilton-Halton youth; reflecting issues and goals from each community and ensuring a youth voice and input into BGCHH initiatives and activities.

- Each youth council member should be prepared to attend as many scheduled meetings each month as possible, submitting availability to mentors for coordination when provided.
- The youth council stays connected via social media and email throughout the year. Members are expected to participate in active communication and stay up to date on information sent out.
- Each youth council member will be a part of a subcommittee which will be led by a youth member and supported by a BGCHH Staff member. Youth are encouraged to coordinate a topic they are passionate about creating change in.
- Youth council members should honour and represent BGCHH values and mission statements at all times.

## **Eligibility and Sign Up:**

- Must be between the ages of 15-21 years old at the time of sign up.
- Must be comfortable with using a virtual platform for communication.

Sign up for FREE by emailing Heather Steeves at: [heather.steeves@bgchh.com](mailto:heather.steeves@bgchh.com) OR through our club's registration platform, Recdesk at: <https://bgchamilton.recdesk.com/Community/Home>

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