



CIVILIZATIONS EXCHANGE &  
COOPERATION FOUNDATION

## 2026 Better Understanding for a Better World (BUBW)

High School Youth Leadership, Intercultural, and Interfaith  
Program

### MISSION

To provide multi-cultural, youth-oriented leadership and interfaith programs for life transforming opportunities



### ABOUT THE BUBW

**Better Understanding for a Better World (BUBW)** was launched in 2006 to give international exchange students and American high school students of diverse cultural backgrounds and various faith traditions the opportunity to meet each other. The most pressing issue our youth face today is how they view the “other”, meaning people who are different from them. Through leadership development, multicultural training, and interfaith dialogue, BUBW aims to breakdown the stereotypes and the barriers that lead to fear or hate of the “other”.

### OBJECTIVES

- Emphasize world-wide citizenship and cultural competency development
- Focus on leadership development and being ambassadors of good will, reconciliation, and justice
- Encourage civic engagement among program participants

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

Call Kim or Text: +1 202-230-3984  
Email: [info@cecf-net.org](mailto:info@cecf-net.org)

### 2026 BUBW CONFERENCE INFORMATION & DATES

#### **VIRTUAL**

- BUBW-Virtual February 28 – March 1 (11 AM – 2 PM ET)

#### **IN-PERSON**

- BUBW-Baltimore, MD April 22 - 26

### APPLY / REGISTER NOW

#### **High School Exchange Students**

- contact your Placement Organization (i.e., AFS, YFU, CIEE, PAX, etc.) for competition / sponsorship details

#### **American High School Students and Self-Paying Exchange Students**

- contact Kimberly King @ [info@cecf-net.org](mailto:info@cecf-net.org) for details & registration form

### REGISTRATION DEADLINES

- BUBW-Virtual – January 27, 2026
- BUBW-Baltimore – February 21, 2026

To hear from the students, please visit: <http://vimeo.com/68963013>