Building a Gender-Diverse Future in Technology
Advancing Marginalized Students in Technology

We work to elevate the access, exposure, and inclusion of gender-marginalized students in the interdisciplinary fields of technology.
24% of hackathon participants were women in 2019.

Source: https://news.mlh.io/mlh-hackathon-demographics-09-03-2019
“When you go to a hackathon, you are typically put in a situation where you are one of the few girls there which makes you feel intimidated.”

Srirashmi Gudur
Drexel University ‘23
Organizer, TechTogether Boston 2020
Women comprise...

- 25% of speakers at top conferences
- 18% of computer science degrees
- 5% of technical leadership positions
What is a Hackathon?

A weekend-long invention competition that inspire innovation, cultivate communities and teach computer science skills.
A world where every individual has the opportunity to explore technology in a welcoming environment.
We are TechTogether.

1. Host Hackathons
1. Conduct Research
1. Grow Tech Talent
We *enable* our community members to lead gender-focused *hackathons* across the country.
Professional Development
Our Impact

10,000+ Community Members
202 Projects
50% First-Time Hackers
91% Learned a New Skill
“Growing up with English as my second language, English and writing were some of my worst subjects in school. Fast forward to now, I am still nurturing my writing skills but have tremendously accelerated my growth by writing for the TechTogether Medium publication.”

Grace Yeung
Director of Marketing,
TechTogether Boston 2020
Fostering Confidence

“It’s easy to get lost or overwhelmed in the difficulty of computer science classes and feel discouraged,” Myton said. “However, while working with TechTogether, I saw so many strong women collaborating and it made me proud to be a part of something so big and influential.”

Kelsey Myton, BU 21’
TechTogether Organizer
"TechTogether was unlike any hackathon I had ever been to because of how comfortable I felt there. So comfortable that we decided to branch out and use hardware for the first time to learn something new!"

Hana Memon
Noor Ul Iman High School
“There’s nothing more empowering than seeing the powerful force that women in Computer Science are. I am incredibly grateful to TTB for organizing what felt like the hackathon of the decade. Above all, I couldn’t be more thankful to TTB for being the supportive community that launched my speaking career.”

Karina Popovich
Alpha Brand Co, Founder
60+ Partners Fueling our Growth
30+ positions accepted at Wayfair, IBM Research, Red Hat, PayPal, and more!
Interested in starting a chapter of TechTogether in your district?

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PIPELINE
broadening the pipeline

SKILLS GAP
closing the skills gap

COMMUNITY
strengthening community
BROADENING THE PIPELINE: HIGH SCHOOL

PRE HAXKS
A PRE-HACKATHON PROGRAM TO GUIDE YOU THROUGH YOUR FIRST HACK!
#MAKINGTHENEWNORMAL

Pre-Hackathon Workshop for High School Students
BROADENING THE PIPELINE: HIGH SCHOOL

Congressional App Challenge Workshops

PreHacks Ambassador Program
CLOSING THE SKILLS GAP: SPARK! X-LAB

DATA SCIENCE: LATINX VOTER TURNOUT

DATA SCIENCE: INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING

NEW ENGLAND CENTER FOR INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING
The Boston Globe
WGBH
MUCKROCK

DATA ANALYSIS: BOSTON’S GENDERED STREETS
COMMUNITY: EVENTS + AMBASSADORS
COMMUNITY: IGNITE STUDENT COUNCIL
POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

1. **NSF FUNDING**: Comprehensive school-wide strategy vs. ad-hoc broadening participation supplements

2. **PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS**: Americorps technology including summer training bootcamps at partner universities and internship/ coop placements

3. **REPORTING**: EEO1 and other disaggregated gender and race data using MPC