

Russian, U.S. Youth 'Summit'

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Students and young professionals from Russia and the United States, all born after the end of the Cold War, convene this week in Seattle for a "youth summit" aimed at strengthening bonds between young citizens of the two former superpower adversaries, organizers said.

The 100 participants in the inaugural three-day event — 50 Russians and 50 Americans — "will establish mutual understanding ... through open dialogue regarding stereotypes and the history of Russian-American relations," the official website of the Russian-American Youth Summit stated.

Partners in organizing the event include the University of Washington, the Russian Embassy in the United States and the Center for American-Russian Engagement of Emerging Leaders. The working groups will focus on entrepreneurship, information technology, media, student leadership, sustainable development, and scientific research.

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