

Classes Aimed at Raising a New Generation of Russian Businessmen

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VDNKh park in northern Moscow.

The newly renovated VDNKh park in northern Moscow is investing in the future with the Young Investor School, which will open at Pavilion 14 early next month.

Starting on Aug. 6, every Thursday and Friday, children between the ages of 8-14 can learn about the career of investment banking through master classes. Participants can take place in "business quests," learn the mechanisms of trading and use teamwork to make strategic financial decisions. The school will give children the opportunity to demonstrate and improve their leadership and entrepreneurship skills and work as a team in a competitive environment.

The sessions will be run by Masterslavl, the children's entertainment center in western Moscow that aims to introduce children to new professions and their role in a modern city.

One of the organizers of the Young Investor School project, Tatiana, told the Moscow Times that the main objective of the program is to prepare the next generation for life in the city.

"We have to admit that kids today are very different from what we were at their age. They are sometimes better at understanding the modern technologies than us adults! That's why we think that by introducing them to the investment mechanisms and their crucial role in a big city, we will in fact also help the parents, too. Although at the moment our target audience is 8-14 year-olds, we are also hoping to see other family members interested as well, and perhaps next year we will set up a similar thing for the whole family."

The school will be open every Thursday and Friday from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. Classes are free, but it is necessary to register in advance. Call (499) 652-6027 to book a place.

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