



coram | better chances
for children
since 1739

Little Book of Coram



**WE ARE CORAM.
BETTER CHANCES FOR CHILDREN.
NOW AND FOREVER.**

Every minute of every day some children are denied the love, security, education and opportunity which should be theirs by right. For so many, the odds are stacked against them.

Coram works to change children's lives for the better, child by child. Inspired by children's voices, we tackle the big picture too, improving the systems which affect children's chances in life.

The scale of the challenge

The challenge

100k
IN CARE



400k
CHILDREN IN
NEED IN THE UK

215k
UNDOCUMENTED
CHILDREN IN THE
UK ALONE

Children's chances in life still depend on where they live and who they live with, and 2.3 million children are living with risk in the UK. In the digital-first generation, 1 in 6 may face mental health challenges.

Resources do not reflect the scale of need and there are unacceptable variations in availability and quality of services, education and childcare.

Across the world, there remains wide economic, educational and social inequality, and children's rights under the UNCRC are not implemented. Migrant and marginalised children face particular risks and exploitation but poverty, adult violence, drug and alcohol misuse blight the lives of millions of children.



What makes us different



The **FIRST** and longest continuing **children's charity** established by Royal Charter as the Foundling Hospital and serving children since 1739

The **ONLY think-tank** dedicated to the future of children, turning insight into impact through research, evaluation, and policy evidence

The **MOST DYNAMIC group** of specialist organisations putting children first and convening the sector across education, law, health, and care systems

The **LARGEST provider** of personal, social and health education, supporting schools and teachers to give children the skills they need for the future

The **GOLD STANDARD** and judged Outstanding in both domestic and intercountry adoption, the only national matching service, and convener of the UK's community of practice in adoption, fostering and kinship care, setting professional standards in children's services

The **LEADING integrated centre** for children's rights, ensuring access to justice changing lives, laws and policies through legal advice, representation, and strategic litigation

The **PIONEER in getting young voices heard**, enabling children and young people to effect positive change in services, for themselves and for society

The **PLACE** where the story of care began and where all can explore the past, learn for the present and help build a better future for children

A **TRUSTED PARTNER** working with governments, agencies, NGAs, and all who can help inspire change in action and in attitude

A **GLOBAL INFLUENCE** with the proven staying power, experience, insight, and authority to champion better chances for children, now and forever



Our strategy

BETTER CHANCES FOR CHILDREN NOW



A fair chance in life

Children can realise their rights and entitlements and get access to justice



A loving home

Children have the stable loving home, relationships, therapeutic and family support they need to thrive



A voice that's heard

Young voices matter in decisions about children's lives and services that support them



A chance to shine

Children have creative opportunity to build confidence, identity and social equity



Skills for the future

Children feel empowered with skills and aspiration, able to make positive decisions



No matter where

Children have equal access to consistent best practice and support



A society that cares

Policy and legal reform informed by evidence and public attitudes support children's rights/welfare

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**CORAM CHILDREN'S
LEGAL CENTRE**

**FAMILY LEGAL SUPPORT
SERVICE**

SCHOOL EXCLUSION HUB

**INDEPENDENT
REVIEW MECHANISM**

CORAM ADOPTION

**CORAM INTERCOUNTRY
ADOPTION CENTRE**

**CREATIVE THERAPY
& PARENTING**

CORAM FAMILY LIVES

CORAM VOICE

**YOUNG PEOPLE'S
PROGRAMMES**

VOICES IN ACTION

**CORAM SHAKESPEARE
SCHOOLS FOUNDATION**

**CREATIVE
PARTNERSHIPS**

VOICES COMPETITION

CORAM SCARF

CORAM BEANSTALK

**CORAM LEAP
CONFRONTING
CONFLICT**

CORAM KIDSCAPE

CORAMBAAF

**CORAM FAMILY
& CHILDCARE**

**CORAM
HEMPSALL'S**

CORAM PACEY

CORAM INSTITUTE

**CORAM
INTERNATIONAL**

CORAM-I

**RESEARCH, IMPACT
& EVALUATION**

How do we create change



SHARING LEARNING

Working with schools, agencies, governments, companies, professionals and volunteers to build skills and capacity



BUILDING CONNECTIONS

By putting children first and addressing the whole child across social care, education, legal and health systems



CREATING INSIGHT

By using our experience, research evidence, and stories to influence policy and inspire change



FINDING NEW SOLUTIONS

By working with others to innovate in process and in practice

Which children do we help most?

- Children whose lives are subject to the decisions of the courts and governmental bodies
- Children who depend on the support of the state – in or leaving care, needing adoption or alternative family placement
- Unaccompanied, migrant, refugee, trafficked or otherwise marginalised children and young people
- Children and young people with experience of separation, trauma, neglect, discrimination or exploitation
- Children at risk of educational disadvantage and those who have been excluded or are at risk of exclusion

How do we measure impact?

- The number and outcomes of children and young people
- The engagement and development of professionals
- Qualitative and regulatory assessment of our services
- Policy and media citation
- Public recognition and support

Our five year goals



- To ensure more children have better chances now, through excellent service provision and extending the Coram group
- To improve the consistency and quality of professional practice affecting children and young people, no matter where they are
- To improve the odds for the next generation through laws, systems and public attitudes
- To advance recognition of Coram as an Independent Research Organisation in the UK and beyond
- To grow the Coram Society of support and realise our plans to further develop the Coram Story Centre

100,000
PROFESSIONALS
BENEFITTING
1 MILLION
CHILDREN



Turning insight into impact



Insight into Impact

using our research evidence and delivery experience to inform and inspire policy and practice

Children's Services Academy

training and resources to help increase capacity in services supporting children

Innovation Accelerator

working across sectors to find new solutions to meet the needs of children

Story Centre

to build identity, understanding and engage the public with the continuing story of Coram

How you can help

Supporting our strategy

contributing across our seven outcomes for children

Living our values and building our positive culture

as committed, professional, respectful, dynamic and credible

Building relationships and partnerships

working across boundaries with all who can help

Putting children at the heart of our work

measuring impact and building their agency

Being a champion for children

supporting our messages and campaigns





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We invest in people Gold

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leading RSHE and citizenship education

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KIDSCAPE
help with bullying