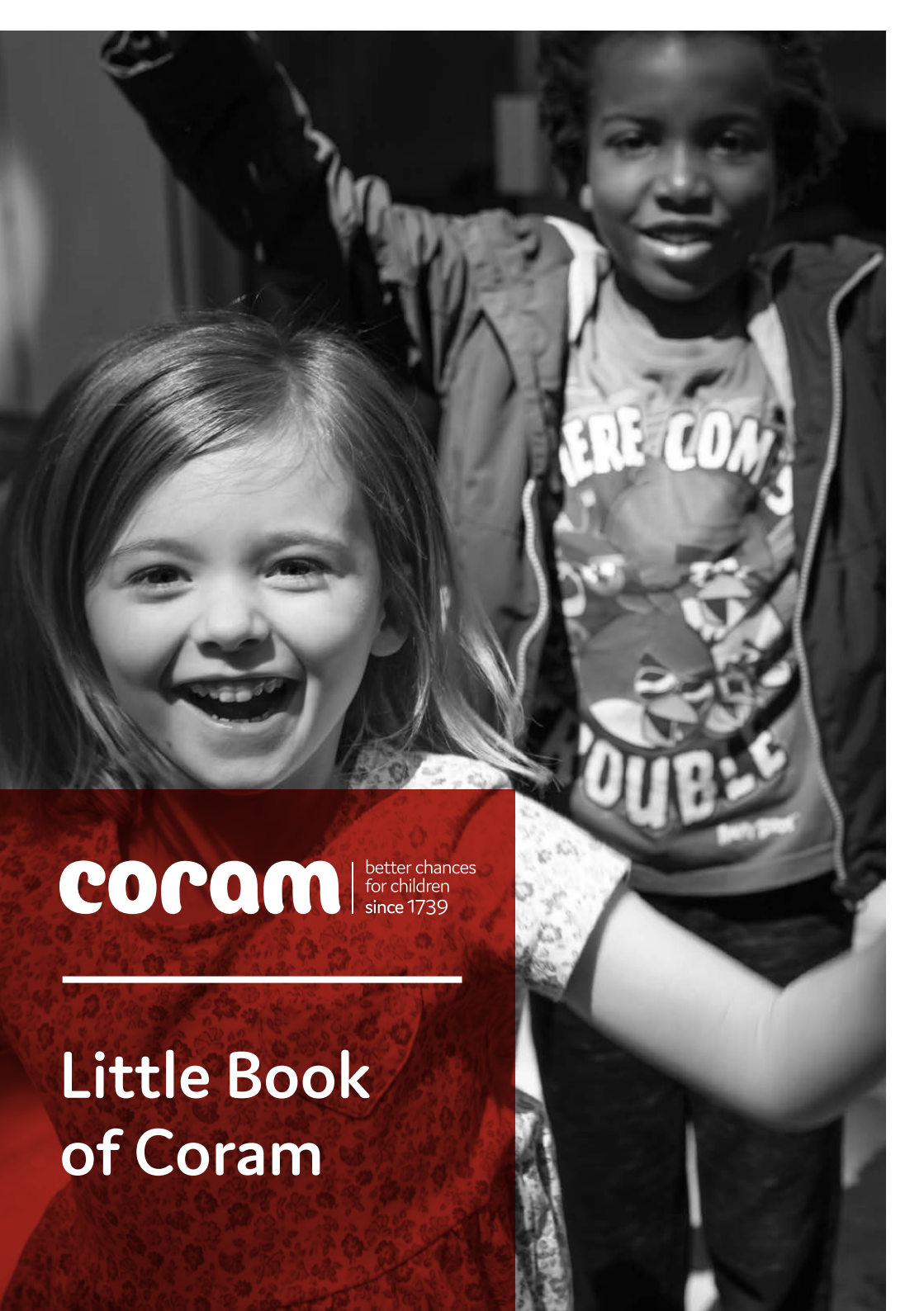
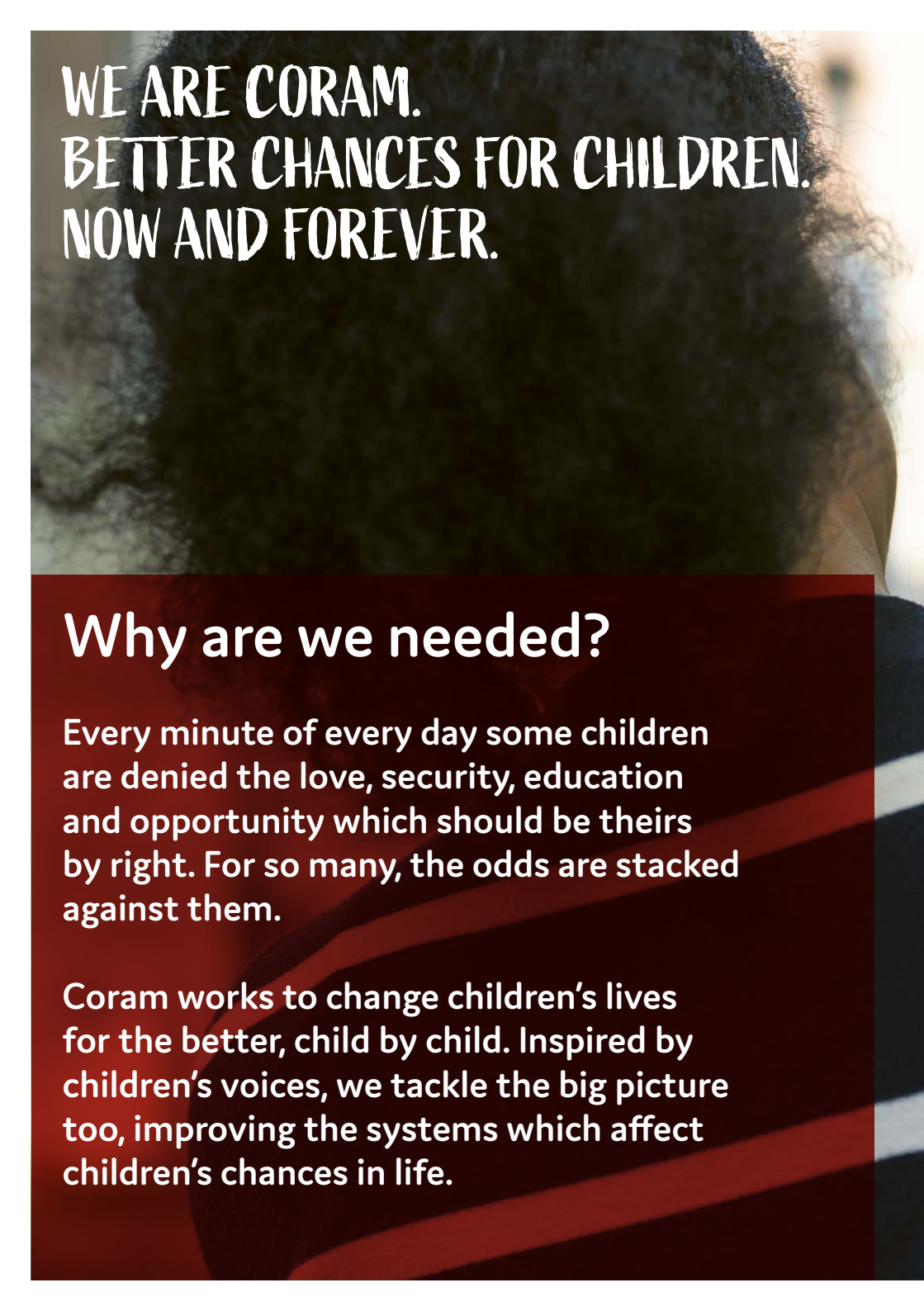




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better chances
for children
since 1739

Little Book of Coram



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

Why are we needed?

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

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.

The challenge

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IN CARE



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CHILDREN IN
NEED IN ENGLAND

215_k

UNDOCUMENTED
CHILDREN IN THE
UK ALONE



What makes us different



The **FIRST** and longest continuing **children's charity** established by Royal Charter as the Foundling Hospital and supporting children from infancy to independence since 1739

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

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

The **BIGGEST** **provider** of personal, social, health and economic education, supporting schools, teachers and children to build the skills they need for life

The **GOLD STANDARD** **adoption agency**, providing outstanding national, regional and intercountry services, setting professional standards and building capacity in fostering and kinship placements

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

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

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

The **FRONTLINE** of family support combining local delivery with open access digital and helpline support to help families to do their best for their children

A **TRUSTED** **partner** in progress, working with governments, agencies, local authorities, supporting professionals 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 be heard

Children have the chance to be heard, to build confidence, identity and social equity

**CORAM CHILDREN'S
LEGAL CENTRE**

**CHILD LAW ADVICE
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 SH
SCHOOLS**

**CREATIVE
PARTNERSHIPS**

VOICES CO

CHANGING THE ODDS FOR THE NEXT GENERATION



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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

AKESPEARE

CORAM SCARF

CORAMBAAF

CORAM INSTITUTE

SHIPS

CORAM BEANSTALK

CORAM FAMILY
& CHILDCARE

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CORAM LEAP
CONFRONTING
CONFLICT

CORAM
HEMPSALL'S

CORAM-I

CORAM KIDSCAPE

CORAM PACEY

RESEARCH, IMPACT
& EVALUATION

Who do we help?

Coram works with all who can help give children their best possible chance in life providing universal, open access advice, targeted and specialist programmes, as well as extensive professional membership services.

Our delivery, research and policy work focuses on those who need help the most and whose needs may be overlooked.

- 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 from school



Coram Charter for children calls for national investment in children and young people to unlock their futures:

The Triple Key

- A Fair Share of national resources
- A Secure Future
- An Equal Chance

www.coram.org.uk/charter

How we measure impact



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



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

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Our goals

- **To provide excellent and accessible direct and digital services** and expand family support to ensure more children have better chances now
- **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** by working with policy makers to change laws, systems and public attitudes to realise the aims of the Coram Charter for Children
- **To advance recognition of Coram** as an Independent Research Organisation in the UK and beyond
- **To grow the Coram Society of support** and realise these plans and further develop Coram as the national centre of excellence for children

150,000
PROFESSIONALS
BENEFITTING
1 MILLION
CHILDREN

Turning insight into impact

Coram Institute for Children

Research impact and evaluation

The only recognised Independent Research Organisation dedicated to children using rigorous mixed methods research and specialising in peer and participatory approaches

Insight and Innovation

Data analytics, innovation programmes and membership, building capacity for the future

Voices in Action

Policy and practice development, co-produced with children, families and professionals

Story Centre

The Coram Archive and Library of Care inspiring personal discoveries and public engagement

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 public, private and public sector organisations

Putting children at the heart of our work

Seeing the child no matter who they are, asking questions, and taking responsibility for referring when needed

Giving direct support

Making time to be a volunteer, giving pro bono support, offering work placement, promoting events or making a donation

Being a champion for children

Driving visibility, supporting our messages and campaigns through social media and networks







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We invest in people Gold

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Family and Childcare

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