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The Coram-i Network



Turning shared challenges into collective solutions

Children's services are facing increasingly complex challenges

Children's services are facing increasing demand, workforce pressures, placement sufficiency challenges and growing expectations around digital transformation and sector reform. No single organisation can solve these challenges alone.

The Coram-i Network brings together senior leaders from local authorities, social enterprises, corporate partners, researchers and funders to explore shared challenges, generate insight and develop practical solutions.

For organisations committed to improving outcomes for children and families, the Network provides a unique opportunity to understand the realities facing children's services and contribute to meaningful system-wide improvement.

About Coram-i and the Coram Institute for Children

Coram's vision is a society where every child has the best possible chance to thrive. Through the [Coram Institute for Children](#) we bring together research, lived experience and frontline insight to drive system reform.

Coram-i, the Institute's innovation and improvement arm, helps leaders tackle complex challenges through insights, innovation and cross-sector collaboration. We help organisations understand system challenges, contribute expertise responsibly and collaborate on solutions that improve outcomes for children and families.



At a glance

Annual Innovation Builder Subscription*

Social enterprises and small businesses	£3,250 + VAT
Medium businesses	£4,995 + VAT
Large businesses	£6,995 + VAT
Strategic sponsors	Bespoke sponsorship packages

Your subscription includes:

- Free places and opportunities to engage in Coram-i Innovation Forums
- Participation in Network discussions and learning events
- Opportunities to contribute expertise to flagship programmes on AI, digital practice and placement sufficiency
- Curated insight briefings and learning summaries
- Access to senior leaders across children's services
- Cross-sector collaboration opportunities
- Visibility as a contributor to system-wide improvement
- Opportunities to help shape future innovation

175 175 LEADERS CONVENED ACROSS 35 CHILDREN'S SERVICES AND OVER 70 OTHER ORGANISATIONS SPANNING GOVERNMENT, RESEARCH, CHARITY TECHNOLOGY, HEALTH, DATA, CONSULTANCY AND CARE PROVIDERS IN 12 MONTHS



2 DELIVERED 2 INNOVATION FORUMS AND 3 ROUNDTABLES EXPLORING THEMES OF AI, DIGITAL PRACTICE, PLACEMENT SUFFICIENCY AND MARKET INNOVATION

INITIATED TECH WORKING GROUP AND COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH CORAMBAAF

*Small businesses are defined as having fewer than 50 FTE staff. Medium businesses are defined as having 50 – 249 FTE staff. Large businesses are defined as having at least 250 FTE staff.

What you receive as an Innovation Builder

The Coram-i Network is a participation and insight model rather than a traditional consultancy or service contract. The subscription is organisational, so multiple senior leaders from your organisation can participate in relevant Network activities throughout the year.

Subscription provides 12 months access to all network benefits and opportunities, including:

Access to the Coram-i Network

Participate in discussions focused on real system challenges and emerging opportunities with a growing community of:

- Local authority leaders
- Researchers
- Social enterprises
- Technology and corporate partners
- Funders and sponsors

Insight and influence

Coram-i provides a trusted platform for organisations committed to ethical and responsible innovation. Participation is always shaped by relevance, expertise and Network priorities. Demonstrate your commitment to improving outcomes for children and families through:

- Speaking opportunities
- Participation in working groups
- Collaborative publications
- Opportunities to support pilot and innovation activity
- Thought leadership contributions
- Event participation
- Network communications

Flagship programmes

Engage in learning and collaborative activity around strategic programmes that are designed around real challenges identified by the Network:

- Responsible AI and digital practice: Exploring how technology can support children, families and practitioners safely, ethically and effectively.
- Placement sufficiency and market innovation: Supporting collective exploration of approaches to improving sufficiency, sustainability and outcomes for children and young people in and leaving care.

Ready to become an Innovation Builder?

If your organisation is committed to responsible innovation, ethical practice and improving outcomes for children and families, we'd love to talk.

Contact innovation@coram.org.uk to arrange an introductory conversation.

Why join the Coram-i network?

Children's services are undergoing significant reform. Organisations that engage early will be better placed to understand emerging priorities, build relationships and contribute to future solutions. Many organisations want to support positive change, few have meaningful access to:

- Senior decision-makers
- Real-world practice insight
- Emerging system priorities
- Ethical innovation opportunities
- Cross-sector collaboration

Coram-i bridges that gap to create a trusted environment where organisations can learn, contribute and collaborate responsibly.

What makes Coram-i different?

Unlike consultancy firms, commercial networking groups or traditional sponsorship opportunities, Coram-i provides access to a system-wide innovation ecosystem. Our role is not to sell products or broker commercial relationships. Our role is to help the sector:

- Understand challenges more deeply
- Learn collectively
- Explore new approaches
- Identify opportunities for responsible innovation
- Improve outcomes for children and families

Participation is focused on contribution, learning and collaboration rather than commercial opportunities, procurement routes or sales introductions.

The Coram-i Network is responsive and adaptive to sector needs. As a sector-led partner, Coram-i is committed to remaining responsive to the evolving priorities of our subscribers and the wider children's services community. We recognise that needs, opportunities, and national direction can shift, and we may therefore adapt, pivot, and refine our programmes and support offer to ensure they continue to deliver maximum value, relevance, and impact for our subscribers and the children, young people and families they work with.