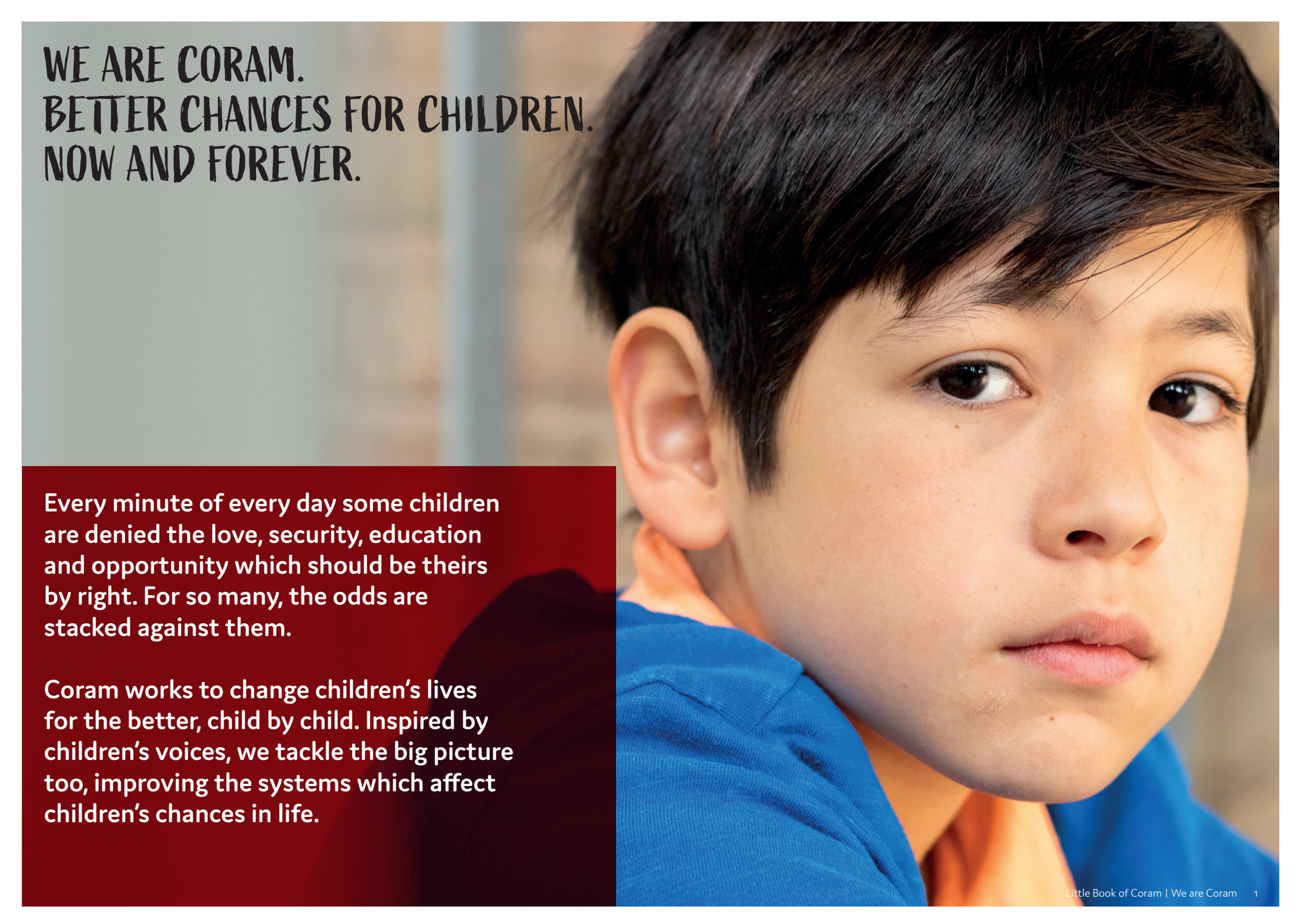


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better chances
for children
since 1739

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

100_k
IN CARE



400_k
CHILDREN IN
NEED IN THE UK

215_k
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 **BIGGEST provider** of personal, social and health education, supporting schools and teachers to give children the skills they need for the future

The **GOLD STANDARD** as an outstanding adoption and fostering agency, national matching service, and convenor of the UK's community of practice, setting professional standards and building capacity in family placement

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** in progress, 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 homes, therapy, relationships and care they need



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

**CORAM CHILDREN'S
LEGAL CENTRE
CHILD LAW ADVICE
MIGRANT CHILDREN**

**CORAM ADOPTION
CREATIVE THERAPY
IRM
CORAM IAC**

**CORAM VOICE
YOUNG PEOPLE'S
PROGRAMMES
VOICES THROUGH
TIME**

**CORAM SHAKESPEARE
SCHOOLS FOUNDATION
CREATIVE
PARTNERSHIPS**

**CORAM LIFE
EDUCATION
CORAM
BEANSTALK
HALO
PROGRAMME**

**CORAMBAAF
CORAM FAMILY
& CHILDCARE
CORAM-I
CORAM
HEMPSALL'S**

**CORAM INSTITUTE
RESEARCH
PROGRAMME
CORAM
INTERNATIONAL**

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

FOCUS

GIVING CHILDREN THE BEST POSSIBLE CHANCE IN LIFE, ESPECIALLY THOSE FACING CHALLENGING CIRCUMSTANCES

ADDRESS

LOSS OF CARE, SECURITY, EDUCATION, VOICE AND SOCIAL OPPORTUNITY

DEVELOP

BEST PRACTICE IN THE SUPPORT OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE



ACHIEVE

CHANGE THAT LASTS A LIFETIME



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
- 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 Coram's international reach and recognition as the Institute for the Future of Children
- To increase support and realise our Appeal to further develop the Coram Campus



100,000
PROFESSIONALS



BENEFITTING 1 MILLION
CHILDREN



**CORAM
INSTITUTE**
FOR THE FUTURE OF CHILDREN,
TURNING INSIGHT INTO IMPACT

Centre for impact

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

Academy

training and resources to help increase capacity in services supporting children

Innovation Incubator

to work in partnership across sectors to find new solutions to meet the needs of children

Story Centre

to get young voices heard, build 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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Life Education

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Insight • Innovation

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international

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Beanstalk
creating readers

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delivering change together