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for children
since 1739

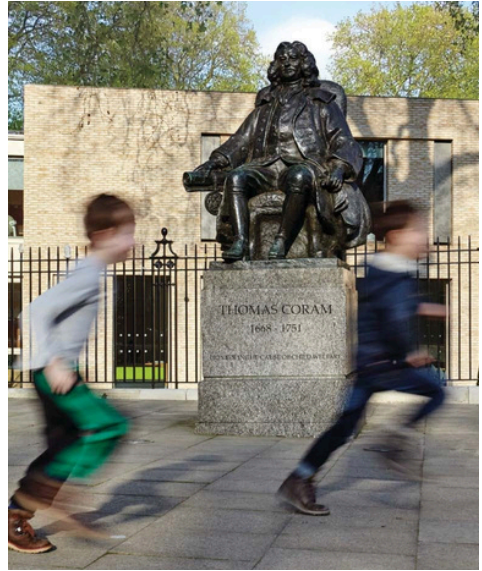
**Working with us
2024**

We are Coram

At Coram we champion children's rights and wellbeing, making lives better through legal support, advocacy, adoption and our range of therapeutic, educational and cultural programmes.

Through our work we understand better what works for children and young people, and we use that insight and experience to engage with government, MPs, local authorities, social workers, teachers, carers and families – all those in a position to make a difference – to help deliver better practice, systems and laws.

Established as the Foundling Hospital in 1739, today we are a vibrant charity group of specialist organisations, supporting hundreds of thousands of children, young people and families every year.



Work with us

We are keen to talk to anyone who cares about children and young people and is in a position to make a positive difference to their lives. If you would like to see our work in action, require briefing or any other information, please get in touch.



Dr Carol Homden CBE,
CEO, Coram
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“Our experience working daily with children and young people makes us well aware that for too many, life has been getting harder after decades of progress. As a society there is so much more we can do enable them to thrive. We look forward to working with all those who share our vision of a fairer society for the next generation to make it happen.”



Music therapy is one of the many programmes offered by Coram's Creative Therapies team



Coram's Shakespeare Schools Festival – the world's largest youth drama festival

“350 years ago, Thomas Coram challenged the prejudice of a society which tolerated child poverty and abandonment as necessary evils. The work of Coram for children today is just as vital as it was 350 years ago, because real issues still persist in the 21st century.”

Sir Keir Starmer MP,
Prime Minister of the
United Kingdom



What we do

- Free legal services for children and young people who need support
- The annual childcare and holiday childcare surveys, the definitive reports on childcare costs and availability across the UK
- Adoption – matching children and families, and providing ongoing support
- Life and relationship skills, therapy, drama and volunteer reading programmes in schools nationwide
- Advocacy for children and young people in and leaving care, and England's largest survey of the wellbeing of children in and leaving care
- Best practice support for children's services professionals, teachers and families
- Research and policy insight to improve services for children and young people
- International research and consultancy on children's rights, migration, youth justice, child protection and exploitation
- School exclusions hub for families and professionals, offering free resources and information on the school exclusions process and when and how exclusions can be challenged.

In numbers - 2023/24

Every year we work with hundreds of thousands of children, young people and families, as well as the professionals who support them.

OVER **1.5 MILLION**
PEOPLE USED OUR CHILD
LAW ADVICE SERVICE
WEBSITE

**EVERY LOCAL
AUTHORITY**
IN THE UK DREW ON OUR
TRAINING AND BEST
PRACTICE RESOURCES


50,000
TEACHERS SUBSCRIBED TO OUR
ONLINE SCHOOL RESOURCES

WE PUBLISHED **74** BOOKS,
REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS
FOR PROFESSIONALS AND
POLICY MAKERS WORKING
IN THE CHILDREN'S SECTOR


500,000 CHILDREN
IN **2,700** SCHOOLS
TOOK PART IN OUR LIFE
SKILLS AND CULTURAL
EDUCATION PROGRAMMES

"Coram delivers inspirational programmes and support for children of all ages including creative therapies, reading support, Shakespeare in schools, and teaching life skills at over 2,000 primary schools."

Lord Russell of
Liverpool,
Crossbencher,
House of Lords and
Coram Governor



Better policies, better practice

“The research that Coram does is stunning and has been so important and useful in my work in the House of Lords, particularly in relation to promoting children’s rights worldwide.”

**Lord Storey CBE,
Liberal Democrat
Education Spokesman,
House of Lords**



Clockwise from top:

Shadow Home Secretary James Cleverly MP meeting the Always Heard team at Coram

Baroness Floella Benjamin launching the Coram Charter for Children in Parliament

James O'Brien and The Rt Hon Mr David Lammy at Coram’s 50 years of Adoption event



We launched the Coram Charter for Children in Parliament, a route map setting out how we can realign the social contract between society and children to achieve inter-generational fairness over the coming decade and beyond. To enable this to happen we are establishing the Coram Institute for Children, the UK’s first centre dedicated to improving the life chances of children by informing and influencing policy and practice.

To find out more please visit www.coram.org.uk.

We work to deliver seven key outcomes for children...



A Fair Chance in Life

We champion children's access to justice and ensure that those in care or subject to decisions of the courts have a voice in the decisions that affect them.

Coram Children's Legal Centre is the country's leading provider of specialist legal support for children, providing in-person, phone, and online advice to hundreds of thousands of families every year who could not otherwise afford legal support. Our school exclusions hub provides information and resources for professionals, children and families who have a legal case to challenge school exclusions.

We also affect change in the legal landscape for children and young people, working to protect the rights of children through research, advocacy and legal interventions.



A Loving Home

We find secure, loving families for children who need them through adoption.

Coram Adoption is an outstanding voluntary adoption agency now providing services for nine local authorities across London through our regional adoption agency Coram Ambitious for Adoption. We provide information for potential adopters, inform policy and practice and run adoption activity days across England, enabling available adopters and children to meet each other face-to-face.

Coram Intercountry Adoption Centre is the UK's only dedicated international adoption charity

Our **Creative Therapies** team provides art and music therapy to children in all types of families, supported by psychologists and psychotherapists.



A voice that's heard

Coram Voice ensures the voices of children in and leaving care are heard in the decisions that matter to them. As a leading children's rights and advocacy services provider we work with thousands of children every year. Our national programmes, including Bright Spots and A National Voice - the national children in care council led by our Young Ambassadors - improve the care system by placing children and young people's views and experiences at the centre.

Our **Voices Through Time** project explores the story of care since the 1700s when Coram was founded, and enables care-experienced young people to work on creative projects to tell their own stories and challenge negative perceptions.



A chance to shine

Coram Shakespeare Schools Foundation enables thousands of young people to perform in the world's largest youth drama festival, building their confidence, teamwork and willingness to learn through performing Shakespeare live.



Skills for the future

Coram Life Education is the leading provider of health, wellbeing, relationship, and drugs education to hundreds of thousands of primary school children across the UK, developing programmes to support schools to deliver the mandatory new RHSE requirements on the national curriculum.

Coram Beanstalk supports children experiencing reading difficulties by recruiting, training, and supporting volunteers to go into schools and read with children one-to-one.



No matter where

Coram Family and Childcare publishes the annual childcare survey, the reference for understanding cost and availability of childcare across Great Britain. It also delivers parent-led programmes nationwide helping families to understand their rights and to access childcare and other support and services.

Coram-i works with local authorities and our partners Microsoft, EY and PA Consulting to deliver better children's social care services through the Coram Innovation Incubator.

CoramBAAF is the membership organisation for professionals, foster carers, adopters, and all those working with or looking after children in or from care, sharing best practice, shaping policy and representing the sector on key issues of the day.

The Coram Institute will inform and influence best policy and practice, working with partners to learn from the past, examine current needs and trends and create better chances for the next generation.



A society that cares

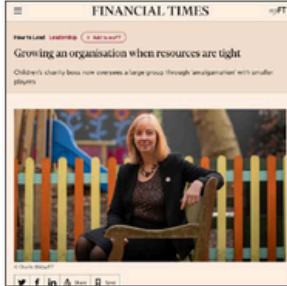
We develop and deliver innovative solutions for professionals, local authorities, and governments to enable those working with children to find best practice solutions to key challenges.

Coram International works with governments and organisations in 42 countries to protect and improve the rights of children and young people.

The **Coram Centre for Impact and Evaluation** team delivers research with children, young people, parents, and professionals, to listen, establish what works best, and improve practice as a result.

Coram in the news

The Coram Group is regularly in the news, offering its insight and expertise on how to make life better for children and young people.



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