

An introduction to Coram: The UK's first children's charity.

Founded in 1739, Coram is the UK's first children's charity. Since then, Coram has been helping to transform the lives of some of the most vulnerable children in our local communities. We give children the chance of a better, brighter future. We're still based on the same historic site.

In our earliest years Coram helped children left abandoned on the streets of London. Our patrons included the artist Hogarth and the composer Handel, whilst Charles Dickens also based books and characters on our work.

The challenges children face today are far more diverse than in the days of Handel or Dickens. So we now help children in many *different* ways – right across the UK. We help children to feel **safe and loved**; we help children to **lead healthier lives**; we support their **education and learning**; we protect their **legal rights** when these are in danger of being ignored; and we **strengthen families** to help children thrive.

How Coram makes a change that lasts a lifetime:



- **Coram Adoption** is the UK's most successful adoption service. We find safe, stable, permanent homes and new loving parents for some of the nation's most vulnerable children.
- **Coram Voice** provides advocacy support to children in care so they have someone to turn to, fighting their corner, whenever they need help.
- **Coram Homeless Outreach** is based in King's Cross and works to help get young people off the streets and into secure and permanent accommodation.
- **Coram Creative Therapy** helps children with complex needs to process difficult emotions, enabling them to develop and heal.
- **Coram Life Education** is the UK's largest school-based healthy living programme. It reaches over 850,000 primary school aged children in thousands of schools nationwide, helping them to make positive life choices.
- **Coram Children's Legal Centre** provides free legal and rights-based advice, guidance and representation to families and professionals.
- **CoramBAAF** is the leading membership organisation dedicated to improving outcomes for children and young people in care.

89%

...of the money Coram raise is spent on delivering our charitable purpose, making us one of the UK's most cost efficient charities. Please help us transform more children's lives.