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Baked With Love



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Based in Monaghan town, the family-run Baked With Love bakery produces premium mini cakes, and pastries with an Eastern European influence.

The company was set up by Mila Khokha, who is originally from Belarus and came to Ireland over a decade ago. In mid-2014, she realised a long-term dream by setting up her bakery, with the aspiration that one day Baked With Love would become a brand of choice.

Mila has had a passion for baking from a very young age and uses unique family recipes that have been passed through generations. This has helped the company to make a breakthrough in the Irish market.

A Bord Bia/SuperValu Food Academy graduate, Baked With Love products are currently available in selected SuperValu, Centra, Londis, Daybreak and Topaz stores across 11 counties.

One of Mila's signature bakes — Bramley Apple Twist — was the Regional Finalist in Lidl's Taste of Success Competition in 2014.

Mila found ACORNS inspirational, and enjoyed meeting like-minded people who understood the challenges of setting up a business.

The company is currently undergoing expansion and will shortly operate from a 500 sq m unit with two fully segregated bakeries, including a gluten-free production facility, in Monaghan town. Mila is planning to increase her staff to six by the end of 2016, and will bring traditional Belarusian cakes to market in 2017.

Baked With Love won the award for Best Start-Up Business in County Monaghan's Enterprise Awards, and is also a recent finalist of the North East New Frontiers competition having qualified to the final with seven other New Frontiers participants from 45 other start-ups in the North East.