

## The Garvald Bakers 2024 - Support from the Edinburgh Bakers (Baxters) Trust

Garvald Edinburgh offers creative activities and skills training for 240 + people with learning/physical disabilities, with diverse arts, crafts, retail and catering workshops across Edinburgh /Midlothian.





Garvald Bakers -Freshly Baked Bread

At the heart of our Garvald Gorgie workshops is "The Garvald Bakers" comprising both Bakery and Confectionery and supplying organic hand-baked loaves, rolls, oatcakes and a range of biscuits and cakes to Edinburgh shops whilst simultaneously nurturing skills in baking and bread-making.

In 2024 the Garvald Bakery received a generous grant of £1000 from the Edinburgh Bakers Trust towards towards supporting people with disabilities to have opportunities in both the traditions and crafts of baking and bread-making skills.

With the continuing challenges of escalating costs of fuel and materials it was fantastic to have the support of the Edinburgh Bakers Trust as the grant provided some of the ingredients needed for the Garvald Bakery over the course of the year, namely the oatmeal used in all three of the Garvald Bakers' organic oatcake range:- Sesame, Herb & Pumpkin Seed, Chilli & Chia Seed.



Garvald Bakers – Award Winning Oatcakes

The Garvald Bakers entered the Scottish Bread Championships in 2024 and were awarded a gold star for our Chilli oatcakes and silver stars for the Herb & Pumpkin Seed oatcakes and Sesame oatcakes. And in 2025 the Scottish Bread Championships at St Monan's in Fife awarded some gold and silverware for our organic oatcakes for the second time, much to our surprise and delight.

We are hugely grateful for the Edinburgh Bakers' Trust's support which has proved practical and effective in supporting people with learning disabilities to develop the crafts of baking and breadmaking, to learn new skills and find meaning in work. We look forward to continuing to supply Edinburgh with freshly baked, organic and wholesome bread by "baking in the community"!