

To Whom It May Concern,

I am reaching out to request your assistance in securing a suitable location for food production and baking in Stöðvarfjörður. The school kitchen emerges as a logical choice for this purpose.

My venture, Brauðdagar Bakhús, established in October, aims to create a sustainable bakery business in our village. We specialise in high-quality bread and baked goods, emphasising local ingredients and sourcing. Since the closure of Brekkan, the need to provide essential food

items like bread to our residents has become critical. In just a few months, Brauðdagar Bakhús has catered a town meeting, supplied bread to local residents, participated in Matarmót, and presented our products at Hús Handanna- all receiving excellent feedback.

However, I need access to a certified kitchen to grow this business and comply with health and safety regulations. This is crucial for registering my company and having a legal base of operation. As an entrepreneur without the backing of capital, grants, or loans, I've been reliant on the community's support, including loans for essential equipment.

Currently, my production capacity is limited. With my existing resources, I can bake six loaves of artisan sourdough bread, production costing 250kr per loaf and selling them for 1000kr each. However, due to constraints, this model is not viable for sustained business growth. Access to a larger kitchen would significantly increase my production capacity, reduce costs, and improve profitability. There is also a real opportunity to create a job structure and stable employment for myself that will also benefit the village and community.

My goal is to eventually rent a space, pay fees, and contribute more actively to our community and economy. I envision running a sustainable bakery, offering workshops, and collaborating with local producers. However, until then, I urgently need a suitable space to work legally and start my business and work towards this becoming my full-time employment. I am seeking access to the school kitchen, ideally until September 2024 or until the community kitchen is ready.

Supporting Brauðdagar Bakhús aligns with the goals of Sterkur Stöðvarfjörður, contributing to the vitality of our fragile settlement. I am eager to collaborate with the municipality to enhance and rejuvenate services in Stöðvarfjörður. Once I can, I am happy to pay the usual charges Fjarðabyggð asks for access to the school kitchen, but currently these costs would prevent me from moving forward in this venture.

This is not just about baking bread. It's about helping our village grow and become stronger. Thank you for considering this proposal. I hope we can work together to make our town better.

Sincerely,

Kimi Tayler