

# Community Fund • Action Communautaire

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**ACTIVITY REPORT 2014 - 2015**

## **Activity Report on the Community Fund - 2014/2015 Financial Year**

### **Origins and Composition of Community Fund Committee**

The Community Fund was initiated in July 2013 by the then APEEE President in response to the need to incorporate fundraising activities and their disbursement, into the Parent's Association.

[ see Pt. 5 of Minutes: [http://www.bru4.eu/images/ca\\_mins/2013/200613.pdf](http://www.bru4.eu/images/ca_mins/2013/200613.pdf) ]

This was subsequently consolidated by the then VP Admin Affairs and in May 2014, the CA of the APEEE approved a set of rules and agreed to the formal launch of the Community Fund for the academic year 2014 - 2015.

[ see Pt. 5 of Minutes: [http://www.bru4.eu/images/ca\\_mins/2014/130514.pdf](http://www.bru4.eu/images/ca_mins/2014/130514.pdf) ]

The rules require at least two members of the CA to be on the CFC (one of whom must be the Chairperson) and up to 7 parents in total. The APEEE launched a call for volunteers to join the Community Fund Committee ("CFC") on 22 May 2014 which was circulated to all class representatives in the school. All respondents to the call for volunteers were formally nominated to the "CFC" by Decision of the CA on 3 June 2014. One vacancy remained unfilled and was published on the APEEE website. A further candidature was received and happily accepted by the CA on 7 July 2015.

[See Pt 4 of Minutes: [http://www.bru4.eu/images/ca\\_mins/2014/030614.pdf](http://www.bru4.eu/images/ca_mins/2014/030614.pdf) ]

The current members of the CFC are:

Josephine Usher (CA member and Chairperson, EN section - maternelle/primary)  
Christian Drantmann (CA member, DE section - primary)  
Sergio Campo (Parent, EN section - primary/secondary)  
Sarah Ironside (Parent, EN section - primary/secondary)  
Iseult Lennon Hudson (Parent, EN section, primary/secondary)  
Steve O'Byrne (Parent, EN section - secondary)  
Diane Werhert (Parent, FR section - primary)

For full biographies see:

<http://www.bru4.eu/the-eeb4-community-fund/community-fund-committee>



### **Promotion of the Community Fund**

On its launch, the Community Fund was promoted through the education councils, on the APEEE website, in the APEEE newsletter and by word-of-mouth. The Fund was also discussed at the 2014 General Assembly.

The more aware the School Community is of the existence and purpose of the Fund, the more applications the CFC expects to receive.

Details of all the activities of the Community Fund have been published throughout the year on our webpages.

### **Finance**

The Community Fund is reliant on fundraising and donations. Unlike in some of the other European Schools, it is not sustained by a direct contribution from the APEEE budget, nor by an allocation of part of the APEEE Membership Fee.

At the General Assembly in 2014, the APEEE approved the proposal from the CA to make a one-time € 5,000 donation to the Community Fund and to have bank account charges (around 100 € per year) paid from the general affairs financial costs budget line. The Community Fund account is the only APEEE bank account in respect of which such charges are levied.

[See [http://www.bru4.eu/images/GA/2014\\_2015/AG10122014minutesEN.pdf](http://www.bru4.eu/images/GA/2014_2015/AG10122014minutesEN.pdf)]

**Origins of Funding in the 2014 - 2015 financial year<sup>1</sup>**

Sweatshirts: (Oct. 2013)	1026,75
Somerfesto 2014: (April 2015)	3774,24

**Community Events:**

Halloween party 2013 (EN section):	853,00
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Performing Arts Day Cake sale:	353,00 <sup>2</sup>

**Donations:**

Apeee GA donation:	5000,00
EN Section 2014/2015 S1EN class:	1000,00
Jo Goodburn Fund for a gardening project	160,00

**Financial Charges:**

Every three months the Community Fund pays 17,84 euros in bank fees and charges. In accordance with the decision of the General Assembly, these are to be reimbursed by the APEEE.

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<sup>1</sup> All amounts are in Euros

<sup>2</sup> The APEEE overpaid the Community Fund by 93.25 euros. The actual profits from this event were 259.75 euros.

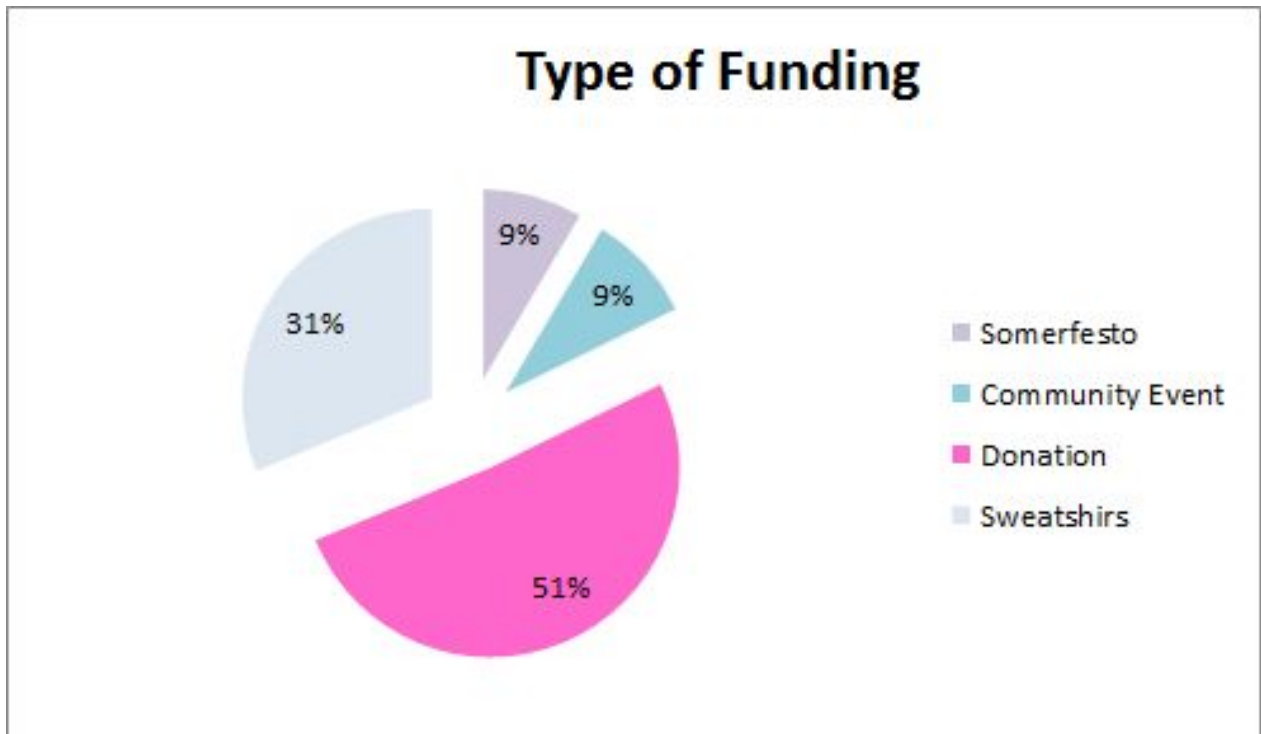
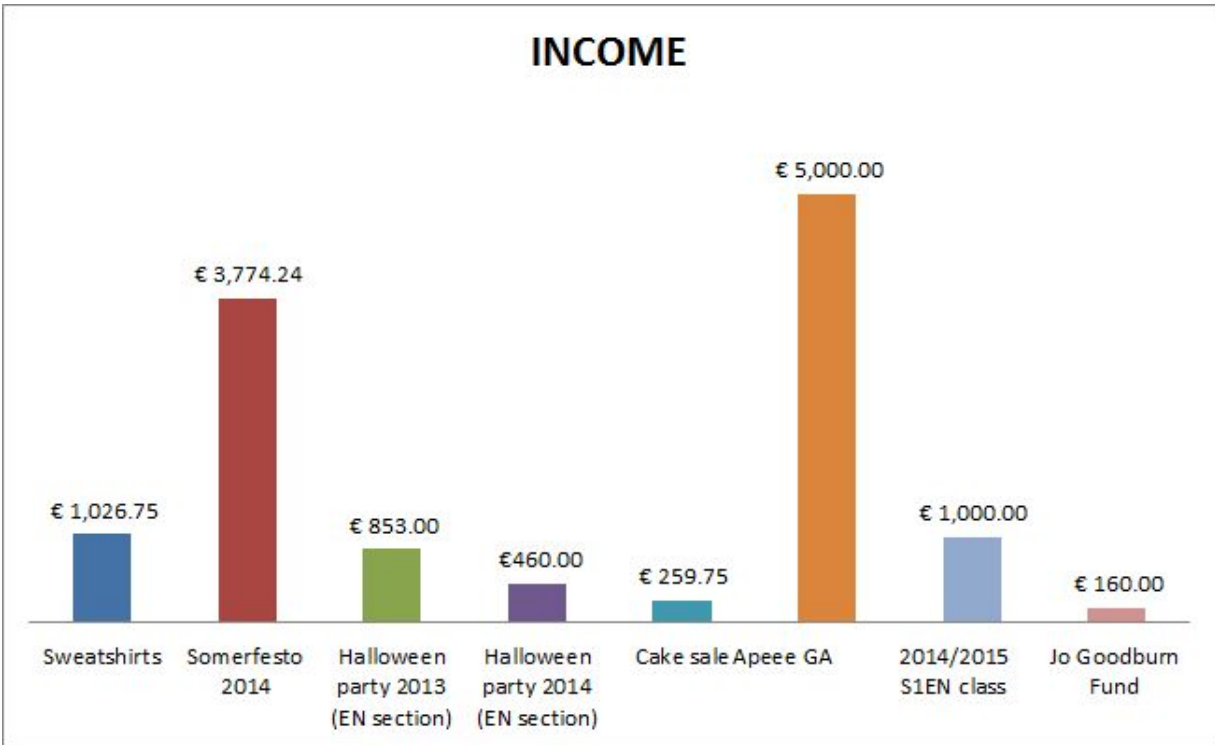
**Fundraising to ensure sustainability of the fund:**

The sustainability of the fund relies on parent initiatives and/or donations to generate income. Whilst we hope that some of the projects we fund will generate money that can go back into the fund, this is often not the case.

In the course of the 2014 - 2015 school year, fundraising activities generated a large proportion of the funds available for distribution. As well as money donated from the proceeds of Somerfesto, monies came from a range of events organised by individual sections and also by the Committee itself. These included section parties and a cake sale organised with the assistance of the APEEE office at the Performing Arts Day.

The Committee encourages all sections to help contribute! Why not organise a party?!



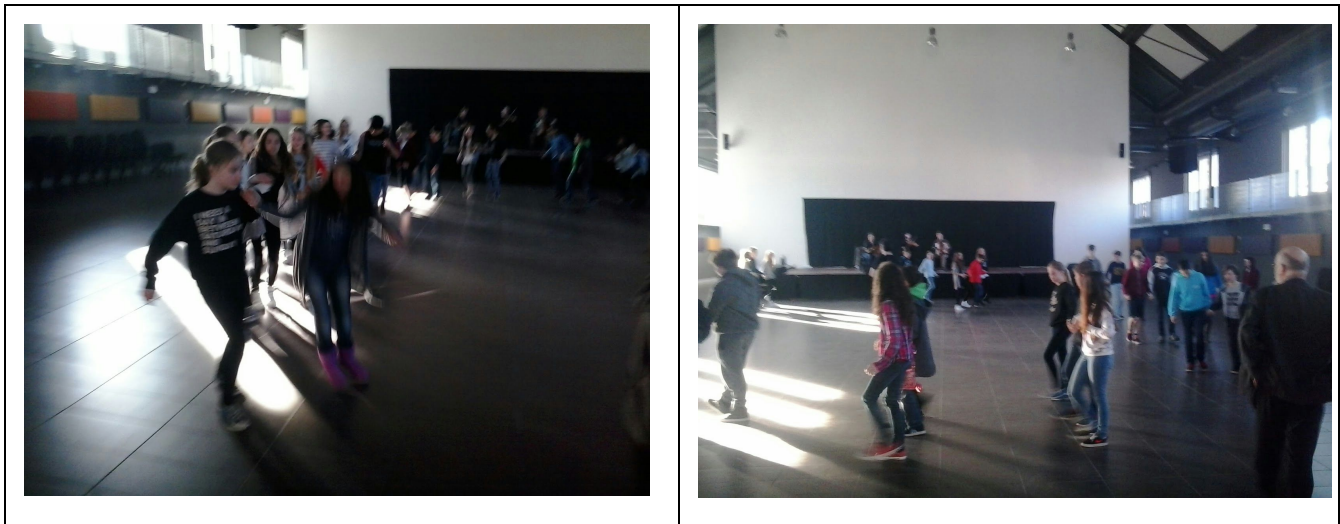


**Applications Received and Approved:**

- **Ceili Project** - A Cultural Event benefiting the School Environment to coincide with celebrations for St Patrick's Day (Ireland's National Day)

On 28 January 2015, the CFC received an application to support a teacher led project to hold a ceile (Irish traditional dance) for all sections of the school to introduce them to Irish cultural dance and music. The application outlined that the purpose of the event is to showcase Irish tradition and culture to the European students in the school and promote multiculturalism in the school and indicated that all of the students of the secondary and some of the students in PS in the primary (all language sections) will be encouraged to participate.

The funding request was for 700 euros to cover fees & travelling expenses for a group of Irish traditional musicians and a dancing instructor. The application was approved on 9 February 2015.



- **Primary Playground Mural**

On 22 April 2015, the CFC received an application for a sum of up to 234 euros to pay for the varnish needed to finish a series of murals painted by groups of students in European Hours. The application was approved on 18 May 2015. The finished results are on display in the school grounds!







- **Recycleart: Flowerstand at Somerfest**

On 16 June 2015, the CFC received an application to support a European Hours project based around the theme of “recycleart”. One of the European Hours groups transformed plastic bottles into colourful flowers which they exhibited and sold at the Somerfest to raise funds for SOS Missing Children. The Community Fund was asked to assist with the materials costs. The application (for a sum of up to 150 euros against receipts) was approved on 19 June 2015.



- **Science Festival**

The CFC received a request for the funding of prizes for the Science Festival for a total amount of 356,06 € H.T.V.A

The Committee agreed to fund the project on 19 June 2015 but has not yet received any bank account details or copies of receipts as justification and therefore, this amount is reserved pending the provision of this documentation.

**Applications Received and Rejected:**

None

**Applications Received and Withdrawn:**

- **Eurosport**

On 4 December 2014 the CFC received an application for 3000 euros for sports equipment and training costs for the EEB4 team due to attend Eurosport (an official competition between all the European Schools) which took place in March 2015. The CFC discussed the application on 11 December 2014 and requested further information including a breakdown of the costs and the relationship between this application and other grants for which the same event might be eligible.

The application was withdrawn on 14 January 2015 as funding was secured through the school.

- **Science Symposium**

In February 2015 the CFC received a request for funding in the sum of 3,800 euros (2,300 flights, 1500 entry fees) to cover the full costs of 8 students and 2 teachers to attend the Science Symposium in Munich. The CFC discussed the application and ideas for fundraising with the school on 12 February 2015. The application was subsequently withdrawn.

**Applications in the 2015/2016 school year**

The CFC has received a number of applications since September 2015. It has approved funding for a European hours Gardening Project (3000 euros) and other applications are still pending (further information has been requested). We look forward to receiving more applications from all levels and all sections in our school community.

**Summary of Account:**

<b>Source of Funds/Project Funded</b>	<b>Source Amt</b>	<b>Amt Out</b>
Proceeds from EN section Halloween party 2014	€460.00	
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Initial funding from APEEE following decision of GA 10/12/2014	€5,000.00	
Irish Ceilidh Project		-€700.00
Somerfesto 2014 (reimbursement from APEEE for overcharging)	€174.24	
Proceeds from Somerfesto 2014	€3,600.00	
Donation of money collected for Jo Goodburn gift	€160.00	
European hours - Mural Project		-€239.26
Donation from S1ENB (P5 EN Class Fund)	€1,000.00	
European hours - Recycleart project		-€90.03
Proceeds from Performing Arts Day	€353.00	
Science Festival Prizes - awaiting account details & receipts		-€356.06

Total donations received 2014-2015	€11,600.24	
Total allocated to funding projects in 2014-2015		€1,385.35