Nexus has been responsible for a range of projects connected with learning and education: planning, developing and evaluating learning-based projects with a range of socially and economically excluded groups in Ireland. Also Nexus has participated in and led networks whose aim has been the encouragement of active participation in education. These have included a number of EU projects and programmes further afield (Nexus has worked in India and the Philippines, on UN-funded community-based projects where ICT has been used to maximise the potential of learning initiatives for disadvantaged communities). Nexus has also recognised expertise in the field of regional development. They were responsible, for example, for evaluation of a range of EU- programmes that aimed to promote regional development of disadvantaged regions in Europe (Telematique, STAR). They have also been responsible for the development of area-based plans and strategies with a wide range of stakeholders across Ireland.