



Center for Social Innovation – New York

Architect: RXR

Client: CBRE Group

Completion: 2014

The Center for Social Innovation is located in the Starrett-Lehigh building at 601 West 26th Street in West Chelsea.

The Center for Social Innovation leases 24,000 SF of loft-style open floor spaces, double height ceilings, with ribbon windows. However, the exposed heavy load concrete floors and ceilings provide little sound absorption and instead reverberate sound, which builds up and propagates throughout The Center for Social Innovation's space.

We evaluated the reverberation time in the space and modeled various solutions in terms of finish materials, placement and quantity. We provided The Center for Social Innovation and the design team with a menu of suitable solutions, helping The Center for Social Innovation create a comfortable environment blending workspace, community center, and incubation for people and organizations that are changing the world.