[A4G in MN 2](#_Toc7456437)

[What is the history of Architecture for Good (A4G)? 2](#_Toc7456438)

[What are the overall goals of A4G? 2](#_Toc7456439)

[A4G Volunteers 2](#_Toc7456440)

[What level of Business Architecture skill and experience do I need to participate in A4G? 2](#_Toc7456441)

[How will teams be structured? 2](#_Toc7456442)

[What guidelines of conduct must I comply with as an A4G participant? 2](#_Toc7456443)

[Will CEU experience credits be available for supporting an A4G engagement? 2](#_Toc7456444)

[Non-Profit Organizations 3](#_Toc7456445)

[What geographic area will the A4G in MN group accept non-profit candidates? 3](#_Toc7456446)

[What criteria is required for non-profit organizations which desire to participate in A4G? 3](#_Toc7456447)

[How does a non-profit sign up to be supported by an A4G team? 3](#_Toc7456448)

[What agreements, if any, must a non-profit sign to participate in an A4G engagement? 3](#_Toc7456449)

[Is it allowed for the non-profits to reimburse the team members for their time? 3](#_Toc7456450)

[Project Engagements 3](#_Toc7456451)

[What templates, tools and resources should be used for A4G engagements? 3](#_Toc7456452)

[Where are the templates, tools and resources? 3](#_Toc7456453)

[How does the team confirm completion of the A4G engagement with a given non-profit? 3](#_Toc7456454)

[How do we measure the success of A4G engagements? 4](#_Toc7456455)

[How do we ensure the A4G process, approach, templates, tools, resources, interactions, etc., are continually improved over time? 4](#_Toc7456456)

[Project Commitment 4](#_Toc7456457)

[What level of time commitment (hours per month) is expected of an A4G Business Architecture participant? 4](#_Toc7456458)

[During what time of the day, and day(s) of the week, will we work with A4G non-profit clients? 4](#_Toc7456459)

[How long does the average A4G engagement last? 4](#_Toc7456460)

[As an A4G participant, am I able to attend A4G meetings with non-profit clients virtually? 4](#_Toc7456461)

[Where are we expected to meet with our non-profit A4G clients? 4](#_Toc7456462)

# A4G in MN

## What is the history of Architecture for Good (A4G)?

For several years, S2E has been helping non-profit organizations, startups, social enterprises, and cross-sector social initiatives to achieve their missions by leveraging business architecture and other viable techniques. We call the concept that we’ve created Architecting for Good ™ (A4G, for short), and our passion is being put to work within organizations of emerging countries in Africa, as well as developed nations like the United States.

## What are the overall goals of A4G?

We saw an opportunity to take our expertise in architecting organizations and our strong foundation of business problem-solving skills from the corporate world and apply them to help social organizations and initiatives to successfully start, scale and sustain. We did it solely with the purpose to give back, but we found that the experience also broadened our worldview, brought life-changing adventures, and gave our lives a deeper meaning.

We’d love to share this journey with you. As we expand our reach and impact, we are looking for people who share our passion to make a difference by helping others, and who desire the personal transformation that comes with it. We want to create a movement of architects that give their talents to enable the innovative organizations and initiatives who are addressing some of our world’s most pressing challenges and opportunities.

# A4G Volunteers

## What level of Business Architecture skill and experience do I need to participate in A4G?

All skill and experience levels are welcome. We will look to pair experienced and aspiring architects together to collaborate on projects.

## How will teams be structured?

Expectation is that small teams will be used for most projects. A lead architect will be identified for each engagement to allow for a primary contact with the organization. Outside of that the teams will be self-directed determining how they work together to achieve the project outcomes.

## What guidelines of conduct must I comply with as an A4G participant?

It is expected that all volunteers conduct themselves in a professional manner, treating the engagement as if they were a paid consultant.

## Will CEU experience credits be available for supporting an A4G engagement?

If so, how many hours per engagement, and up to what cap of hours?

# Non-Profit Organizations

## What geographic area will the A4G in MN group accept non-profit candidates?

Non-profits can come from any part of the metro area. It is expected that location will be one of the factors for volunteers to decide if they want to participate in a given project.

## What criteria is required for non-profit organizations which desire to participate in A4G?

## How does a non-profit sign up to be supported by an A4G team?

## What agreements, if any, must a non-profit sign to participate in an A4G engagement?

The engagements will be guided by a standard SOW with deliverables and success criteria identified.

## Is it allowed for the non-profits to reimburse the team members for their time?

No. This is pro-bono work and our goal is to help the organization make the best use of their resources.

# Project Engagements

## What templates, tools and resources should be used for A4G engagements?

Industry-accepted Business Architecture tools and templates, BIZBOK and other standard approaches and methods, practical and appropriate extended and adjacent tools, the strategy to execution toolkit that was developed by the TCBAF SIG, and any other tools the project members are familiar with.

* Business Model Canvas
* Business Capability Model
* Value Streams
* Organization Maps
* Information Maps
* Value Maps and Customer Segmentation/personas/journey maps

## Where are the templates, tools and resources?

Tools and frameworks can be provided by the members of the project team or by the TCBAF leadership.

## How does the team confirm completion of the A4G engagement with a given non-profit?

The engagements will be guided by a standard SOW with deliverables and success criteria identified.

## How do we measure the success of A4G engagements?

The engagements will be guided by a standard SOW with deliverables and success criteria identified.

## How do we ensure the A4G process, approach, templates, tools, resources, interactions, etc., are continually improved over time?

Post project assessments will be assumed and expected with each engagement.

# Project Commitment

## What level of time commitment (hours per month) is expected of an A4G Business Architecture participant?

Time commitment will depend on the project. When working on a project would expect at least an average of 2 hours per week.

## During what time of the day, and day(s) of the week, will we work with A4G non-profit clients?

The project team will determine their hours. Given volunteers will have full-time roles expect the teams will choose to meet evenings or weekends.

## How long does the average A4G engagement last?

As we are just starting, we cannot say how long an engagement will last.

## As an A4G participant, am I able to attend A4G meetings with non-profit clients virtually?

Ideally client meetings will be in person, but it will be up to the project teams to determine how they work.

## Where are we expected to meet with our non-profit A4G clients?

Meeting locations will depend on the non-profit and project team.