**coin logo ice-breaker (ice-breaker, creativity, self-expression, johari awareness)**

Here's a really quick exercise, ideal for ice-breakers - 5-10 minutes - for groups any age or size.

Equipment: Lots of coins, in case participants need extra. (At last a use for all the shrapnel in your piggy bank..)

Instruction to group:

Take all the coins out of your pockets/purses and put them on the table in front of you.

(Lend coins to participants who have none or very few.)

You have one minute to make a personal logo - representing yourself - from the coins.

Variations:

Large groups can be spilt into teams (of 3-6 people). Combine team coins. Produce a single team logo, themed according to the situation. Optionally ask teams to guess the meaning of other teams logos, before the explanations.

Allow other pocket/purse/handbag items to be included in the logos, for example pens, phones, diaries, etc.

Ask the whole group to combine all coins and produce a logo for the organization/group/department, etc.

Split the group into two. Half leave the room while remaining half make their personal coin logos. Half return to room and try to match logos to people. Repeat the process enabling the guessers to make, and the makers to guess.

Review:

Ask participants to explain their logos to the group, or if pressed for time and for large groups - split the group and have the logos explained among teams of threes.

If running the exercise in teams - review the discussions and feelings leading to the design of the logo, and the team theme if appropriate.

To enlarge the exercise and offer material about self-and mutual awareness see the [Johari Window model](http://www.businessballs.com/johariwindowmodel.htm).

See the other coin exercises on this page, for example:

[take-away game](http://www.businessballs.com/freeteambuildingactivities.htm#the_takeaway_game)

[tactical team shove-ha'penny](http://www.businessballs.com/freeteambuildingactivities.htm#team_shove_hapenny_tactics_game)

[moneygram activity](http://www.businessballs.com/freeteambuildingactivities.htm#moneygram_activity)

See the [money slang and history page](http://www.businessballs.com/moneyslanghistory.htm) for lots of interesting facts about coins and money.