



"Open Slam," creativity slam type, competition is open to all who wish to compete, given the number of slots available. In an "Invitational Slam," by contrast, only those invited to do so may compete.

Creativity slams[©] can feature a broad range of voices, styles, cultural traditions, and approaches to writing and performance.

One of the more interesting end products (to me, at least) of this constant shifting is that the creative people in the slam always worry that something — a style, a project, a poet — will become so dominant that it will kill the scene, but it never does. In the end, something different always comes along and challenges the poets to try something new.

One of the goals of a slam is to challenge the authority of anyone who claims absolute authority over creative value. No poet is beyond critique, as everyone is dependent upon the goodwill of the audience. Since only the poets with the best cumulative scores advance to the final round of the night, the structure assures that the audience gets to choose from whom they will hear more poetry. Audience members furthermore become part of each poem's presence, thus breaking down the barriers between poet/performer, critic, and audience.



soul-searching
social responsibility
attentiveness
Naked Lunch – And Start West

non-traditional training methods
human development orientation
mindfulness
Naked Lunch - The Vigilante

identify projects/aspects the people themselves felt they needed
and to help them find the resources required to carry out the
projects
sustainable.
imagination
Naked Lunch - Benway

Participatory, facilitative, exploratory approach
you don't change attitudes and behavior, particularly long-standing,
deep-seated, strongly-held attitudes and behavior, by telling people
what they should do
Naked Lunch - Joselito

acceptance of and effective relations
helping people assess the problems and issues and decide for
themselves what they need and want to do
comfort zone
Naked Lunch - The Black Meat

challenge basic beliefs and assumptions
guiding and supporting them in exploring alternatives
fantasy
Naked Lunch - Hospital