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PROFESSOR RICHARD WILKINSON

Scientist, Author, Advocate

Professor **Richard Wilkinson** is a Scientist, Author and Advocate from the University of Nottingham.

He has played a formative role in international research on the social determinants of health and on the societal effects of income inequality.

His bestselling book "The Spirit Level: Why more equal societies almost always do better", authored with Kate Pickett encouraged 75 British Members of Parliament to sign the Equality Trust's 'Equality Pledge' prior to the UK's 2010 general election, promising to "actively support the case for policies designed to narrow the gap between rich and poor".

The Spirit Level won the 2011 UK Political Studies Association Publication of the Year Award and inspired a documentary film, "The Divide" in 2016.

Professor Wilkinson kicks of ASMR Medical Research Week® Medalist Tour in Hobart this evening, being Keynote Speaker at the ASMR Gala Dinner.

Throughout a distinguished career examining the social determinants of health, Professor Wilkinson's research has uncovered that economic inequality is the key driver for numerous health (and social) problems in developed countries such as Australia.

The identification of this strong causal relationship has commanded a re-think of policy development, with a renewed focus on addressing the underlying problem rather than treating specific health and social problems as unrelated phenomena.

Professor Wikinson arrives in Hobart this afternoon - photo and interview opportunities

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