



**The War Archive is delighted to invite you to a presentation on:**

**“The White Rose”: German students against Hitler**  
**Saturday 22 February 2020 at 19.30**  
**Presented by the valuable friend of the Archive**  
**SOTIRIS VOURLIOTIS**  
**The presentation will be in Gteek**

### **The topic**

The student resistance group “White Rose” was organised in the University of Munich, had small support groups in other cities and was active during 1942-43. Resistance to the Nazi regime in Germany was never widespread and was easily suppressed in the brutally controlled country. Nonetheless the “White Rose” raised the awareness of the public to which it addressed that there were Germans that did not agree with nor submitted to the regime. Their activities were primarily the distribution of pamphlets expressing their revulsion to the regime and calling for passive resistance. The group was betrayed, their leading members including the brother and sister Scholl, tried and beheaded. Their legacy was important in showing to the postwar generations that a few Germans did risk their lives to rise in opposition to the regime. Sophie’s resistance has been compared to that of Antigone in Sophocle’s drama and the group’s history has been celebrated in books, films and in the naming of streets and squares after it.

### **The presenter**

Mr. Vourliotis is a graduate in mechanical engineering from the National Polytechnic. From an early age he was interested in military and war history and preceded to collect an impressive amount of books, magazines and DVDs on the topic. Since 2000 he has dedicated his time as a researcher and writer on the topic of war and has authored score of articles and two books. He is married with one daughter.

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