

## **Claire Smith - IUTA Committee Application 2018**

### **Background:**

I started in Ultra Triathlon in 2008 when I took part in the first UK double iron, where I finished as the second female. I went on to complete a solo ultra challenge in Lanzarote, which involved an 45 mile run, 11 mile sea swim and 90 mile bike.

After this I set up Brutal Events, an extreme events company that specialises in ultras, set in scenic and challenging locations. I have also completed another double iron (Enduroman), a Continuous Quin in a gym for charity, a Continuous Deca and 1 a day Quin in Switzerland since then. I also run DecaUK which was held for the first time in 2017. The next race is planned for 2019.

The reason why I love Ultra Triathlon so much, is that no matter what your ability is, you can take part and be involved in something incredible. I also love the camaraderie and support from the other athletes and crew that you always find at ultra events.

Other than running Brutal Events, I am a single mum to two and a Graphic / Web Designer.

### **Changes / improvements I would like to make:**

- Encourage the UK events to join the IUTA
- Make it easier for organisers to understand what's involved with adding their race to the World Cup
- Make the World Cup points system clearer
- Encourage more UK woman to Ultra Triathlon
- Improve the IUTA website and communications
- Improve the IUTA social media
- Possible rebranding to update logo / image